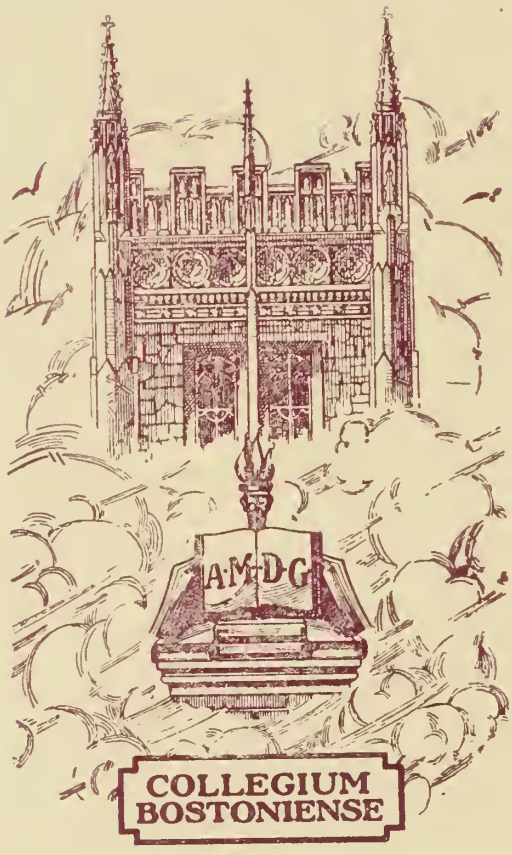

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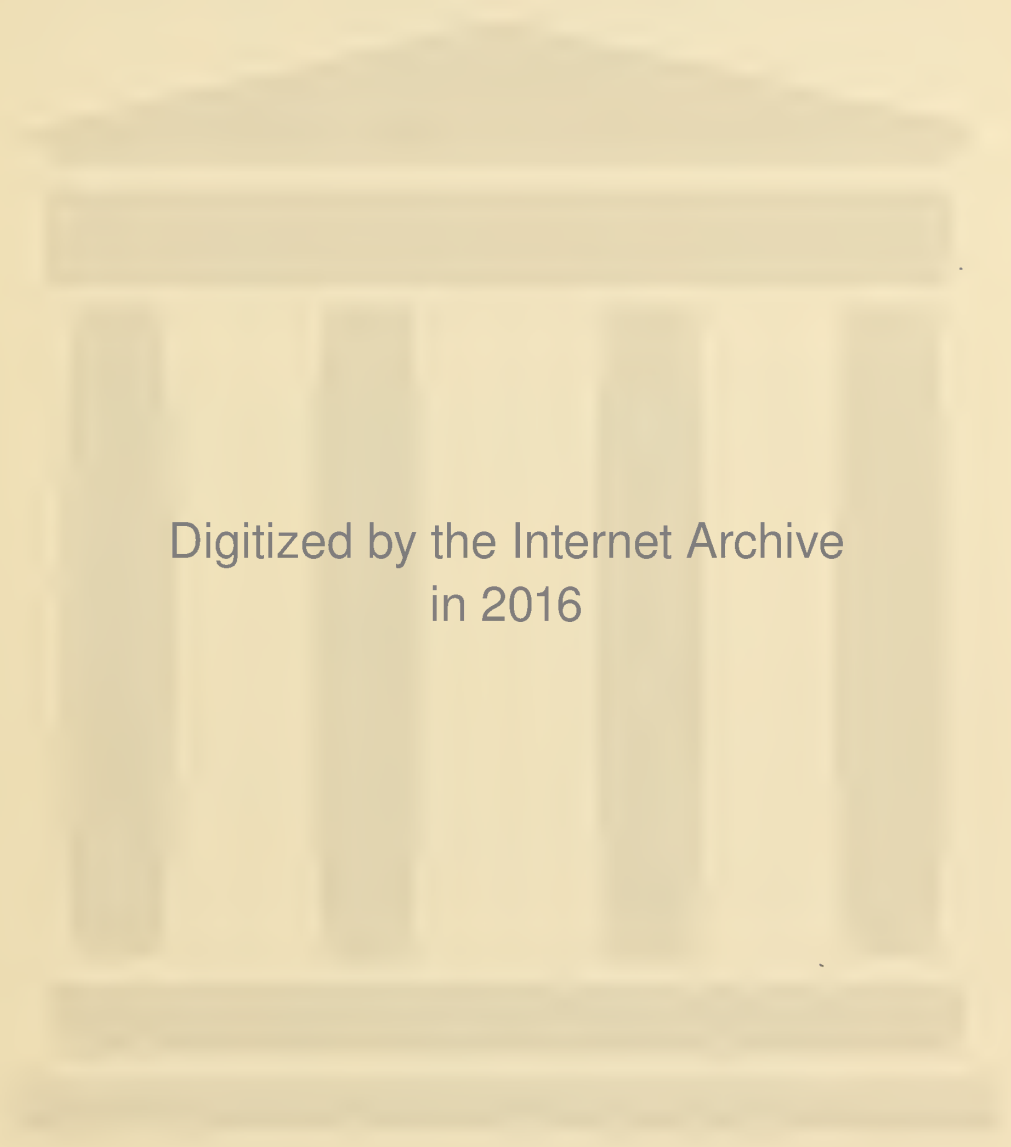
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This volume completes the publication of the documents relating to the towns in this state, which were collected by the editor in 1879 and 1880, placed in volumes in the office of the secretary of state, and labelled "Town Papers, Collection of 1880," and "Indian and French Wars, and Revolutionary Papers, Collection of 1880." There are twelve of the former and four of the latter; and the figures in brackets at the beginning of each article in this volume refer to the number and page of the manuscript volume where the original document may be found. The characteristics of this volume are similar to the two next preceding, and it will be necessary, in most cases, to examine the three, to find all the matter relating to any town. An abstract of the contents may be found at the commencement, which will give the reader an idea of the nature of each document; and at the end is a copious index, containing all the names of towns and persons mentioned, with reference to every place in which they occur. The compilation of said index required a large amount of labor, but without one full and complete, an historical work loses a large portion of its value;—and the editor respectfully calls the attention of gentlemen who are compiling town histories, to the importance of indexing the same fully and completely.

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EARLY TOWN PAPERS.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

EARLY TOWN PAPERS.

NEW LONDON.

The largest part of the territory now contained in this town was granted by the Masonian proprietors, July 7, 1773, to Jonas Minot and others, as an addition to the Alexandria grant, previously made by the same proprietors. The territory had been known by the name of Heidleburg for some years previous to this grant, and was subsequently so called by some; although in all official documents which I have seen, it is designated Alexandria Addition, from the date of the grant until it was incorporated June 25, 1779, by its present name. It was surveyed by Jeremiah Page prior to the grant (Vol. XI, p. 10), and granted in accordance with a plan by him made. The first meeting under the incorporation was called by Samuel Messer, and held Aug. 3, 1779.

June 19, 1793, lots numbered from 19 to 25, inclusive, in the north-west part of Kearsarge Gore, were annexed to New London.

The town has been enlarged by the addition of territory taken from Wendell (Sunapee) as follows: A portion taken by an act approved Dec. 11, 1804, and another June 19, 1817.

The northerly part was severed by an act approved June 18, 1807, combined with a portion of Kearsarge Gore, and incorporated into the town of Wilmot.

[8–1] [*Record of Masonian Grant, 1773.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

At a meeting of the Proprietors of the lands purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq[r] in New Hampshire, held at Portsmouth on the 7th day of July 1773—

Voted also that there be and hereby is granted unto the beforenamed Jonas Minott Jonathan Bagley William Bailey John Talford, William Talford, Matthew Thornton, Robert McMurphy Daniel Rindge and Joshua Talford, on the Terms, Conditions, Limitations & Reservations herein after exprest—a certain tract of land Situate in the County of Hillsborough and province of New Hampshire, bounded as follows, viz[t] begining at the Southwesterly Corner of Alexandria aforesaid, on the Patent line and running on said Patent line to Fishersfield Corner, in great Sunipe Pond, from thence East on the northerly Side line of Fishersfield, four hundred Seventy two rods, to Parrys Town Corner, then north eighty five degrees east, about four miles to a Beach tree marked on Parrys town line; from thence north thirty nine degrees east, about Sixteen hundred and Seventy two rods, to a Beach tree marked in alexandria Corner; from thence north twelve degrees West, to the Patent line aforementioned, on the Westerly Side of said alexandria—To have and to hold to the said Minot his Heirs and assigns for ever, the one moiety of said land, and to the said Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, John Talford, William Talford, Mathew Thornton, Robert M[c]Murphy, Daniel Rindge And Joshua Talford, and to their respective Heirs and assigns for ever, the other Moiety, thereof according to their Respective Rights and Shares in said alexandria upon the following Terms Conditions, Limitations, and Reservations, that is to Say—That one third part of said land is hereby reserved to the said Grantors, their Heirs and Assigns for ever, Viz[t] Lot N° 74, N° 40, N° 128, N° 38 N° 49, N° 122, N° 24, N° 94, N° 119, N° 121, N° 70, N° 95, N° 58. N° 10, N° 50, N° 36, N° 55 N° 67, N° 136, N° 126 N° 3, N° 84, N° 125, N° 17 N° 42, N° 29, N° 61, N° 90, N° 18, N° 37, N° 83, N° 102 N° 120 N° 43 N° 92 N° 118, N° 4, N° 106 N° 19 N° 14, N° 71, N° 7, N° 15 N° 39, N° 46—and two lots in the plan returned of said tract, a third of which said two lots is reserved to said Grantors, and belongs to their said third part of said land, besides the particular lotts before-mentioned, which said reserved third part shall be held by said Grantors, free from all Taxes and charges whatever, that may arise concerning the roads, buildings, Ministry Settlements and other publick affairs

whatever, untill the Grantors lands Shall be improved, and then only the particular lott so improved, shall be liable—

Copy of Record

Attest Geo : Jaffrey Prop[rs] Cl

[8–2] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1778.*]

To the Hono[ll] Councel and house of Representives Convened at Exeter the Secont Wednesday of march Next

The humble Portion of a number of inhabetants of a Tract of land in the State of Newhampshire Known by the name of Alaxandria addition or newlondon Sitivat Between old Alaxander and fishers field and Parrytown : humbly Sheweth that your Portisherners Labour under a Grat Disadvantage Being Joyined to Old Alaxander on the accont of Tax Sation the Distance being Seven or Eight miles threw the Woods whare there is no Road, nor Cannot be aney Easley had the Ground Being so Ruff and mountanies, and your Portisherners being Wholy Deprived of anney Privilege of assessing ower Selves as Selectmen Can be Expected in the Sitevation we are in at Present among us Tharefore your Portisherners Prayer is that we may be incorporated into a Town and have the Same Privileges that other Towns in this State have your Portisherners ar willing Cheerefully to Pay ower Equill Porpotion of Taxes with aney other Town in this State Provided we are in Capasety to asses ower Selves and like wise your Portisherners at Present Laboure under Grat Disadvantages Concurning Clearing and Repairing highways among us, as your Portisherner in Duty Bound Doth Ever Pray—

January y[e] 22 : 1779—

Samuel Messer
Nathan Goodwin
Noah Kidder
James Lam
Ebn[r] Huntting
Benj[a] Eastman
Ephraim Gile
Jedidiah Jewett
Israel Huntting
Jacob Hadley
Nathaniel Stevins

[In H. of Rep., March 10, 1779, a hearing was ordered for next session. The town was incorporated June 25, 1779.—Ed.]

[8-3] [*Jonas Minot, relative to Taxes, 1780.*]

To the Hon'ble Counsel and House of Representitives for the state of Newhampshire: In Generall Court Convened att Exeter on Wedensday the Ninth Day of February in the year of our Lord 1780—

the Petetion of Jonas Minot of Concord in the County of Middlesex and State of the Massachusetts who humbly Sheweth, that the State and Contenentall Tax, on the Town of Newlondon, in this State, for the year 1779 was £641-13-4, that your Petetioner acording to his Interest in Said Newlondon Should Not Pay one fifth of the above Said Sum owning Not one third of the Land in Said Town of Newlondon which s^d^ Lays in the State of Nature Except Small Improvements on one Lot that your Petetioner is Assessed toward the above s^d^ Sum £268-6-2—furthermore that your Petetioner is Assessed to the State and Contenental Tax in the Township of Alexandria in this State for ye year 1779—for his unimproved Lands More than twenty Percent. for the Sume total those Lands we are Aprised at, by the Select Men of S^d^ Alexandria under their hand in February AD 1778—

your Petetioner. although Taxt Something in the Same manner in boath Said Townships. for the year 1777 and 1778, finding the Expence of a Redress—Grate, and in Expectation, of No Such Agreviance in Future Submitted. & Paid the whole of the Taxes for those two years—your Petetioner being Sensable at that Time that the Assessers for those Townships had assessed for much Larger Sums than they had Precept for—and with an Intent as one of those Assessers him Self Declared to Trim up the Non resident Proprietors—further more the Inhabitents of Said Newlondon having Specialy Bargained and agreed to pay the High way Tax, on your Petetioners Land untill improved for which your Petetioner Paid them in Lands—yet they have Taxt your Petitioner towards the Highways in S^d^ Town for the year 1779 in the Sum of £125-5-8 your Petitioner in this Situation finding him Self to have Voice in the Proceedings of those Towns & Driven to Dispare of any other Remedy. Prays this Honourable Court would Take his Case into Consideration: and in their wisdom Give order that his Lands in those Townships May Not be Sold for those Taxes untill he is heard in Court on the Premises your Petetioner as In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Jonas Minot

[8–4] [*Relative to a Road from Kearsarge Gore to Protectworth, 1784.*]

New London May 31st 1784

To the Honorable, the General Court of New Hampsheir, your Petitiners the Inhabitants of New London

Humbly Sheweth that we have Receivd a Request from the Select men of Protectworth, Requireing of us that we within Eighteen Days from the Date of their Request, do Lay out & Cut & Repair a road from Keirsearge Gore through the Northerly Part of New London to Protectworth, being about four miles, & in Case of our Neglecting to do the Same, do Declare that they Shall Send to the County of Hillsborough, & that they will Send a Commite to Lay out a Road on our Cost, & this Place where they do Require a Road bein Remote from any of the Inhabitants of this town, and the Land Very Broken, the Cost of a Road must be Great, which the Inhabitants of this town are Not able at Present to do without other Assistance, we Being but thirty two Poles of the Inhabitants Paying Pole tax for them Selves, & the Greatest Part of us in Low Circumstance, their Not being one fourth Part of the Land in this town, owned by the Inhabitants, and also their Not being any Land Left for Road. in the Laying out of this town, adds to our Dificultys—

For which Reasons we your Petitioners Humbly Pray, your Honours, that we may be Impowered to tax the wild Land of the Non Residants, Lying in this town, with ourSelves, for the Purchasing of Land for Roads, that are Nessasary in this town, & also for the Opening and Repairing of the above mentioned Road, Requested by the Select men of Protectworth, which Request if your Honours Shall See Cause to Grant you will favor your Humble Petitioners

Levi Harvey	Nathanael Everitt	Peter Sargent
Ebenr Huntting	Joseph Ardway	Ebenr Sargent
John Adams Juner	Saml Brockelbank	Tohomas Whitier
James Brocklebank	John morgan	Anthony Sergent
John Ardway	Ephraim Gile	Samuel messer
Ezekiel Knowlton	John Astens	Benjamin Adams
Penuel Everett	David Astens	John Dole
Eliphalet Gay	Nathan Goodwin	How Messer
Levi Everett	Abner Whittier	

[8–5] [*Vote for Paper Money.*]

to the General Cort of the State of New Hampshier Holden at Exeter on the first wensday of this instent

I would begg Leave to in forme your Honours that the inhabitants of New London have voted to have paper money made at a metting held on the 31st of Augst Last that was Notified for that purpos—
witnes my hand—

Levi Harvey town Clark

New London Sept 2d 1786

[8–6] [*Petition for Civil Magistrate, 1787.*]

State of Newhampshier Hillsbourough. ss

To His Exelency the President and Council met at Concord the first wenday of June Next: 1787 Conveand

Humbly Shueth that ware has we are Disteute of a Justice of the Peace in this Place begs Leave to ask the favor that you wod in your wisdom and Prudence Comishon Lieut Levi Harvey in that office So that the good order of Peace may be keep up and the athority of this State be not Abrogaded, for which we your Humble Petitionors are in Duty Ever bound to pray for

Newlondon Aprill 13th 1787

Ebenr Shepard	John Adams	James Brocklebank
Levi Everett	Jonathan Everitt	Peter Sargent
Israel Slack	Jonathan Adams	Samll Brockelbank
Penuel Everett	Benjamin Adams	Nathan Goodwin
David Smith	Solomon Adams	Jedidiah Jewett
Eliphalet Gay	John Adams juner	Abner Whittier
Ezekiel Knowlton	Thomas Burpe	Anthony Sargent
Nathanael Everitt	Asa Burpe	John morgan
Jonathan Herrick	John Dole	Ephraim Gile
Joseph Colby	James How Messer	Saml Brockelbank
William Hutchins	Samuel Messer	Junr

[8–7] [*Petition for authority to tax Non-Residents, 1790.*]

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New hampshire at Concord in Said State in General Court Convened

we your petitioners inhabitants of the town of New London in Said State hereby beggs leave to aquaint your honours that the taxes in this town are Verey heavy—and perticulery to the Roads their being three main roads throw this town from the Country above us which Contains Sixteen miles Exclusive of our Cross roads where their is a Considerable of traviling—the roads being So bad that it is Dangerous for teams to pass we are Commanded by the publick to make them pasable forth with which we are not able to Do at present we would also begg Leave to inform your Honours that three quarters of the Land in this town is owned by Nonresident which pays no taxes to the Roads we your humble petitioners pray that your Honours would remove or at Least helpe our Dificulties by Empowering us to Lay a tax on the Lands of Nonresidents in this town of One penny per acre yearly During the terme of three years to repair the roads in S^{d} town which if it Shall be Consistant with your honours to do your humble pertitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

New London June 9th 1790

Saml Brockelbank	Asa Burpe	Thomas Burpee
John morgan	Nathaniel S messer	John Brocklebank
Ephraim Gile	John Adams juner	Eben^{r} Huntting
James Lamb	James Brocklebank	Zebedee Hayse
Nathan Goodwin	Jonathan Everet	Joseph Colby
Jedidiah Jewett	John Adams	Solomen Admans
Thomas Currier	Jonathan Adams	Robt Knowlton
Ebenezer Sargent iuner	Benjamin Adams	Eliphalet Gay
	Thomas Burpe : J^{r}	Penuel Everett
Jonathan Herrick	Peter Sargent	John Lyon
Josiah Davis	Peter Sargent Juner	Israel Huntting
Anthony Sargent	Amasa Sargent	Sam^{ll} How Messer
John Morgan Junr	Thomas Pick	John Slack
Eben^{r} Sargent	John Dole	

[Authority was granted to tax non-resident lands for the purpose of repairing highways.—Ed.]

[8–8] [*Vote relative to annexing a part of Kearsarge Gore, 1792.*]

Newlondon Sept 3rd 1792

this may Sertify that at A town meeting held this Day in Said town by A Request of A Nomber of inhabetance of Kearsarge Gore and persenting the Substance of A petition and the

order of the general Coart there on, to have part of the Said Kearsarge Goar incorperated with Newlondon, there fore Voted to Receve Seven Lots of the westerly Corner of Said Goar to Newlondon, witnes my hand—

Levi Harvey town Clerk for
Newlondon

[By an act passed June 19, 1793, a portion of Kearsarge Gore was annexed to this town.—Ed.]

[8–9]. [*Relative to place of holding Proprietors' Meetings, 1795.*]

To the Honourable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court conveaned at Concord.

we your petitioners Select Men of New-London in said State; for and in behalf of said Town Humbly shueth that the inhabitants of said Town do Labour under many and great disadvantages by reason of the extent of the proprietors Law so called. in as much as it impowers the Proprietors of Land to hold their meetings any where they please, whereby the inhabitence of this Town have suffered much of late; by reason of A proprietors meeting; the same being held sixty Miles distant from this Town, and at such a season of the year which rendered it extremely dificult for the inhabitance to attend, which practice is verry detremental to the inhabitence of New-Towns.

Therefore we your Petitioners humbly pray your honors, will take our case under your wise consideration and grant us some relief by altering or amending said Law so far as to direct s^{d} proprietors to hold their meetings in futer, in such Towns. where sd proprietors Lands lye:

or grant such relief as you in your wisdom shall think fit as your Petitioners in duty bound shall ever pray.

New-London December 14th 1795

Levi Everett
Peter Sargent
Robt Knowlton
} Select-men

[The petitioners were granted leave to withdraw.—Ed.]

[8–10] [*Petition relative to Proprietary Affairs, 1796.*]

New London May 27th 1796

To the Honorable Senate and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court to be convened at Exeter on wednesday the first day of June next

humble Sheweth that whereas the Selectmen of the Town of New London exhibited a petition to the General Court of Said State last Session Setting forth their grievances whereby they have Suffered much of late by the operation of a perticular law called the proprietor's act or law which grants the proprietor's liberty to whold meetings in any part of Said State—We your Humble petitioners renewedly request that the Prayer of Said petition may be granted or that part of Said law may be repealed whereby the Said Proprietors are impowered to tax all and Every lot of Land in the respective towns in Said state to defray proprietors accompts and charges or grant your petitioners relief in some other way as you in your wisdom shall think proper. And we in duty bound shall ever pray

Levi Harvey } Select
Levi Everett } Men

Anthony Sargent	Jeremiah Pingre	Ebenzr Sargent
Thos Pike	Amasa Sargent	Jonathan Herrick
Wm Clay	John Sargent	Ebenr Hunting
Samll Brocklebank	Robert Knoulton	Zebedy Hayse
Samll Messer	Ebenr Sargent	Moses Adams
Jos Messer	John Emery	John Adams
Peter Sargent	John Morgan	Solomon Adams
Jonathan Everett	Jedediah Juet	Jonathan Adams
Peter Sargent Jr	Thomas Currier	James Brocklebank
Eliphalet Gay	Nathan Goodwin	John Dole
William Gay	Zaccheus Messer	James Coleby
Joseph Colby	Calven Burpe	Caleb Seager
John Slack	thomas Burpe	Samll Morgan
Benja Woodbery	Aase Burpe	Jonathan Harvey
Josiah Brown	Nathaniel meser	Jos Harvey

NEW MARKET.

The territory now contained in this town and in South New Market was severed from Exeter, December 15, 1727,

and incorporated as a parish by the name of "New-Market."

By this act of incorporation, Edward Hall, Andrew Glidden, and William Perkins, Jr., were appointed selectmen to act until others were elected.

An additional act, granting full town privileges, including representation in the general assembly, was passed August 26, 1737.

By an act passed December 28, 1805, the boundary line of the town was extended to the "Ship's channel in the centre" of Exeter river, except where the bridge was. At that place it was to extend to the draw. This act was repealed June 17, 1807.

The north line of the town was established by an act passed June 19, 1818. (See Vol. XII, page 390.)

June 27, 1849, the town was divided by a line running nearly east and west, and the southerly portion incorporated into a town named "South New Market."

December 17, 1852, the farm of Wm. Lyford was severed from South New Market, and annexed to New Market.

July 2, 1870, some territory was severed from Durham, and annexed to this town.

[8–12] [*Case of Assault, 1731.*]

Pro : of N Hamp

To any or Either of His Majestys Justices of The Peace for the Said Province

Edward Hilton of the Parish of New-Market, in The Town of Exeter, in the Province of New-Hampshire aforesaid yeoman Complaineth (In His Maj^tys^ behalf)

That he the Said Edwd Hilton, being in the Peace of our Sovereign Lord ye King, and about his lawful occasions, at New-Market aforesaid, on monday the twenty eighth day of the last month, was Put in Great fear (even of his life) by the threatening, Speeches, and actual attempts made against him with force & arms, by a negro man (of the Parish Town & Province afores^d^) Called Sambo, who was formerly a Servant to Andrew Glidden dece^d^, & belongs now to the Widdow of Said Glidden, or her son in law Joseph Smith of Said New Market husbandman ; The Said Sambo at the time and in The

Parish aforesaid, holding an ax in his hands of ye value of 12/ Struck at the Complanant a ful blow with the Said ax, and prophanly Swore, that he the Said Sambo would split out the brains of the Complainant, and bury him in the Swamp: and other Enormitys the Said Sambo then & there did, contrary to the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King his Crown and dignity and to the law or laws, in Such cases made and Provided. and pleadable in this Province. Wherefore the Said Edwd Hilton Prays Process against the Said Sambo, and that the Said Sambo may be dealt with as to law and Justice doth appertain— In Witness whereof the Said Edwd Hilton hath hereunto set his hand the first day of January 1730/31.—

Edward Hilton

Pro: N. Hamp^r^ Jan^ry^ 5th 1730th Edwd Hilton made oath to the truth of ye foregoing Complaint

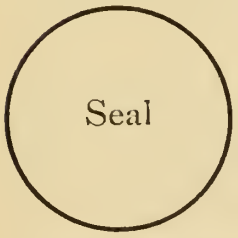
It is Considerd that for prophane Swearing the S^d^ Sambo: pay a fine of ten Shillings according to law, & that for his threatening & Attempts ag^st^ Edwd Hilton He procure 2 Suretis to recognise in ye Sum of 10£ to be of good behaviour til ye next q^r^ Sessions of ye peace and pay Costs of Court & Stand committed til Sentence perform'd Mem^o^ Jos: Smith ye Master of The S^d^ Sambo Paid ye fine of 10/ wch I sent by Edwd Hilton to ye select men of N Market for their Poor he likewise paid Costs taxed at 48/3^d^ and he and Jos: Glidden recognised according to order in order to be certified to ye Court of Gen^ll^ Quart^r^ Sessions of the peace next to be holden at Exeter.

R W J^t^ P^a^

This was done at a Court held before R W Esqr Just Peace on tuesday y^e^ 5th of Jan 1730/1 at y^e^ House of mr Henry Sherburn Taverner in Portsm^o^——

[*Warrant for the arrest of Sambo.*]

Pro: of N— Hamp^r^



To the Sheriff of the Said Province of New-Hamp^r^ His Under Sheriff or Deputy or To Either of the Constables of Exeter Greeting—

You or Either of you are hereby required in His Majestys name forthwith on receipt hereof to apprehend the body of a

certain negro man call'd Sambo belonging to y^e^Parish of New-market in the Town of Exeter in the Province aforesaid who was formerly a servant to And^w^ Glidden, dec^d^ and belongs now to the widow of the S^d^ Glidden or her son in law Joseph Smith of the Parish Town and Province aforesaid husbandman if the Said Sambo may be found within your Precincts, and him bring before me or some other of His Majestys Justices of the Peace within the s^d^ Province to Answer to the Complaint of Edwd Hilton of the Parish of New-Market in the Town of Exeter in the Province of New Hamp^r^ aforesaid yeoman, (which Complaint under the hand of the Said Edward Hilton, is hereunto annex'd) and to be dealt with (on the S^d^ Complaint) as to law and Justice doth appertain. hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with yor doings thereon, for which this Shall be yor Sufficient authority. Given under my hand and Seal at Portsm^o^ the first day of January 1730/31. annoq R^ni^ R^is^ Georgii secundi quarto—

Richd Waldron Just: Peace

You are alike required to Summon John M^c^math of New Market aforesaid mariner, and Joseph Smart of Dover w^th^in the Province afores^d^ husbandman to be present as Witnesses at the Tryal of the said Sambo and hereof they may not fail on the pain & penaltys that may fall thereon Jan: 1: 1730/31

R Waldron J^t^ P^ac^

Janurey 5th 1730/31 Pursuant to the within warrant I have taken the body of s^d^ Sambo

per me Peter Grely und^r^ Shereff

[8–13] [*Petition relative to an Election, 1745.*]

To the Honble the House of Representatives for the Province of New Hampshire met in General Assembly the 5th Day of June 1745

The Humble Petition of Sundry of the Freeholders of the Parish of New Market in Said Province Shews—

That ye Freeholders of the said Parish being Intitled to the Privilege of Sending a Representative to the General Assembly met on the 3rd Instant (Pursuant to a precept Issued according to Custom) in order to make Choice of a Suitable Person for that purpose—

That upon Counting the Votes it appeared they Exceeded the Number of Voters present which Render'd it Probable there

was some unfair practice in the proceedings, & made it Doubtful whether the Person Said to be Elected, was Really so, upon which Seven at Least of the said Freeholders Desired the Matter might be Decided by the Poll (as the Law in Such Cases provides) which the Moderator (Joseph Hall Esqr) utterly Refused & Denied & thereupon Dissolved the Meeting taking the matter in Doubt to be as he Declared it without giving the Dissatisfyed Persons the least Satisfaction—

That your Petition^{rs} Conceive the Freedom of Elections, is the foundation of the Rights of the People, & a fundamental Principle in the form of Government they are under, on which freedom every Instance of Partiality is an Infringement, & the very Suggestion thereof ought to awaken a Judicature subsisting only by that freedom, to Examine whether Such Suggestions are true or false—Wherefore your Petioners pray that this Honble House will take Cognizance of the premises Examine & Determine as the truth of the facts & the Merits of the Cause Requires & in order thereto to Order the usual & necessary process with all Convenient Speed—and your Petioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Israel Gilman
Robert Barber
Nathaniel peas
Edwrd
Ezekiel Sanborn
Joseph Sinclare
Nathaniel Piper
Jonathan Bachelder
Robart Pike
Richard Clark
Joseph Gilmon

[The man elected was Thomas Young. The election was declared illegal by the H. of Rep., June 12, 1745, a new precept issued, and Capt. Israel Gilman chosen and sworn in.—Ed.]

[7–18] [*Petition for a Ferry over Exeter River, 1750.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governor and Commander in chife in and over his Majestys Province of Newhampshire—and to the Honorable Councill for Said Province—

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Newmarket in Said provinc and others most humbly Sheweth—That there is a Country Road Laid out by the general Court Several Years Ago from Nottingham to Exeter River in the upper part of Newmarkett and there is no Established ferry over Exeter River in the upper part of Newmarkett that if there was it would be

of great Service and benefit for Travellers That Travell to and from Nottingham Ipsum Bow and Pennecook and other places to Portsmouth Wherefore Your petitioners most humbly Pray Your Excellency and Honours to Establish a ferry over said River near the Late house of Nathan Presberry at the new field so called in the upper end of Newmarkett aforesaid and that he Joseph Hall Esqr may have the benefit of said ferry and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c

Sep^{br} 24^{the} 1750

James Marston	Edward Hall	Ebeneser Bean
David Lyford	Edwrd	Jacob tilton
John Perl	Chrles Hilton	Andru Burly
James Kinson	James Sinkler	Joseph metcalf
Fitz Wm Sargent	Danil Lad	Joseph ——
John Mattoon	Jonathan folsom	Richd Mattoon
Winthrop Hilton	Isaac marston	Samuel nel
Samuel mighell	John Wedgwood	peer harsee
Joseph merrill	Hubartes Mattoon	Israel Gilman
Richard Clark	Robert Pike	Edward Colcord

[8–16] [*Remonstrance to foregoing.*]

Province of New Hamp^{r}

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New-Hampshire and To the Honorable his majesty Councill for said Province—

Humbly shews Andrew Wiggin Junr of Stratham in s^{d} Province That he is informed that Joseph Hall of Newmarket in s^{d} Province Esqr (with others) hath Petition'd your Excellency and Honours that there may be a Ferry over Exeter River so called at some Distance above the Ferry over said River at a place call'd Hiltons Ferry And that it will affect your Petitioners Interest very much in Case the Prayer of the said Joseph Hall and others should be granted—

Wherefore your Petitioner Most humbly prays your Excellency and Honours that the Pray of the said Petition of Joseph Hall Esqr and others may not be granted untill your Petitioner can be heard in opposition thereto which your Petitioner prays may be granted him—and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Andrew Wiggin Junr.

Desc^{r} 25th 1750

[8–17] [*Relative to New Market Bridge, 1755.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governer And Commander in Cheif in & over his Maj^{ties} Province of New Hampshire The Honble His Maj^{tis} Councill & House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened Novr 25th 1755—

The Petition of Sundry of his Majestys Subjects Inhabitants within the Province of New Hampshire Most Humbly Shews— That in the year 1747 There was an Act Passed by the Legislature of this Province for Erecting And Maintaining a Bridge over the River at New-Market Near the ferry Place there In Consideration of a Petition of Sundry Persons Inhabitants within this Province. It being thought at that time that that Place was very Suitable & Convenient for a Bridge to be Built there—

That a Bridge is not yet Built there nor Ever Begun tho More then Eighth years are Elapsed—Since the Passing the Said act, That your Petitioners Humbly Conceive that If a Bridge was Built over the river from Stratham to a Place Called the Newfields in New market It would be of Much Greater Benefit & Advantage to the Publick than one Built at the fferry Place aforesaid—

That a Bridge May be much Cheaper & More Easily Built and Maintained at the New ffields then at the ferry Place the Current Not being So Strong at the Newfields as at the ferry Place the Water Being Almost twice as Deep at Lowwater at the Ferry Place as at the Newfields the Bottom of the river at the New ffields Being much more Even that the Rafts Brought from Exeter Generally Get But Little further then the Newfields the first tide So that a Bridge there will be no Hindrance to rafts Passing Down the river that it is a much more Direct Way into the Country than where the other Bridge was Proposed to be Built—That your Petitioners See no Prospect at Present of a Bridge Being Built at the other Place—That your Petitioners are Willing to Build And will Immediately go about Building a Bridge over the river at ye New feilds aforesaid If they may have Liberty So, to Do, By Act—

Wherefore Your Petitioners Most Humbly Prays your Excellency & Honours that they may Have Liberty to Build Such a Bridge over that river att the Newfeilds aforesaid as Your Excellency & Honours shall Judge Most Suitable and Convenient And your Petitionrs as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Ebenez^{r} Johnson	Andrew French	Jacob Tilton
Benj^{a} Nudd	Bradstreet French	Sam^{ll} Tilton
Josiah Clark	Wm French	Winthrop Hilton
Sam^{ll} Clark	Andrew French jun^{r}	John Dow

William Clark
William Wallace
William Wallace Jur
Jonatha Weeks
John Weeks jur
Andrew Wiggan ye 3d
Samuel Haines jur
Samuel Bathelder
Wm Haines jur
Wm Haines
Ebenezr Johnson
Henry Clark
Abraham Johnson
Joshua Kennison
Edwd Derbarn
Benja Marston
Reuben Gove Dearborn
Joseph Wiggin
Jona Wiggin
Willm French jur
John Avery

Jude Allen
Samuel Wiggin jur
Richard Young
Thos Wiggin
Henrey Wiggin
Samll Allen
Samll Wiggin
Benja Juett jur
Samll Pipper
Joshua Hill
Daniel Mason
Wm Pottle
Wm Pottle jur
John Hill jur
Richd Rust
Benja Cotton
Simon Wiggin
Jos Hall
Benja Johnson
Joseph Smith
Theoder Hilton
Joseph Metcalf
Nathll Ames

Wm Crocket
John Elkins
Daniel Elkins
Jacob Ames
John Bergin
John Clark
Samll Clark
John Hoag
John Stockbridge
Alin thurstin
Samll Boyinton
Samuel Doe jur
Benja Doe
John Dudley
Joseph Goodhue
Benja Smith
Jona Thomas
John Clark
John Marden
Edward Scott
Stephen Clark
Wm Moore
John Lyford

Simon Wiggin & will Give the Way Free & Clear through my Land—

John Simston
John Naeley
James Whidden
Joseph Young
Stepn Thurston
George Veasey
John ———

Nathll Sinclear
James Merrel
Richard Palmer
Joseph Palmer
John Levet
Wm Moore jur
Thos Veasey

John Hill
John Molloon
Daniel Molloon
Robert Briant
Nathan Jonson
Benja Mackris
Ebenez Cate

Samuel Gillman
Samuel Chapman
Caleb Philbrick
Samuel Elkins
Samuel Gilman
Thos Harvey
Thomas Burley
Abner Hoag
Elisha Samborn
John Samborn
Joseph Burley
Isaac Marston
Peter ffoulsom
Nehemiah Mcc Neile
Samuel Neal

Samuel Levet
Samuel Cate
Jona Robinson
Daniel Allen
Joshua Weeks jur
John Hoag jur
Ezra Barker
Nathll Pipper
Samuel Avery
Samuel Veasey
Samuel Jannes
Jeremi Lock
Ebenezer Wallace
Samuel Phillbrick
Jona Levett

Tobias Sanbourn
John Haines
Mathias Haines
Thomas Johnson
Ebenezr Mulon
James Johnson
Abner Haines
John Weeks
Josiah Clark jur
John Blaso
Josiah ffoss
Abraham Durburn
Thos Berrey
Richard Jennis
Francis Jennis

Robt Pike
Step^{n} Gilman
Israel Gilman
Thos Pipper
Edward Sinclair
Moses Coffin
Simon Pottle
Edward Peavey
John Hanes
Jonath^{a} Robinson
John Bean
Nath^{ll} Robinson
Benj^{a} Pipper
Josiah Sanborn
Thos Veasy
Sam^{ll} Marble
Abraham Tilton
Joshua Rawlings
Solomon Smith
John Smith
David Stevns
Jacob Low
Eph^{a} Green
Thos Odel
George Vesey
John Robinson
Joseph Robinson
Satchel Clark
John Rundlet
John Veazey
John Frost
Cyprian Jeffry
Jon^{a} Longfellow
Timothy Jones
John Huggins
Jonath^{a} Jewett
Thomas Breyer
John Hillton
Benj^{a} Hoag
Nathan Hoag
william Calley
william Ashley
Jonathan Clark
Benj^{a} Mason
Jon^{a} Chase
Benj^{a} Norris
Joseph Hoag

Ephr Levett
Joshua Neal
Sam^{ll} Stevens ✓ his mark
Nath^{ll} Levett
Samuel Lane
Joseph Mason jun^{r}
Samuel Peavey
John Barker
John Rawlins
John Weeks
Daniel Maston
Benj^{a} Potter
John Godfery
Joseph Derburn
Semeon Derburn
Thos Maston
John Phillbrick
Willom Moltn
Abraham Drake
Joshua Brown
Thos Nudd
Henry Moultn
Daniel Dow
Thos Moulton
Elisha Thomas
Benj^{a} Philbrick
Benj^{a} maston
Job Chapman
John Levet
David Maston
Joseph Moultn
Benj^{a} Hobbs
Capt Abner ffogg
Jon^{a} Hobbs
Zackriah Batchelar
John Marston
David Noles
John Sheppard
Jon^{a} Wedgwood
morris Hobbs
John Hobbs
John Bennet
John Tayler
Stephen Batchelor
Jeremiah Durburn
Ebenezer Barker

Richard Jennis ye 3^{d}
Benj^{a} Schell
Samuel Leavett
Henry Dow
Joseph Brown
Francis Lock
Lewis Haines
William Johnson
Sam^{ll} Johnson jun^{r}
Daniel Lunt
Joseph Haines
Joseph Clark
Josiah Allen
Walter Weeks
Walter Weeks jun^{r}
W^{m} + Sanborn his mark
Nath^{ll} Maston
Abiathar Sanburn
Benj^{a} Williams
Nathan Murdoo
Enock Clark
Jonathan Marston
John Neal
Robert Tufton Philbrick
Wm Berrey jun^{r}
James Berry
ffrancis Berry
Jo^{s} + Grant his mark
Richd Rand
Jeremi Berry
Samuel Willes
Nath^{ll} Jennis
Richd Jennis jun^{r}
Joseph Jennis
James Perkins
Job Jennis
Benj^{a} Lampre jun^{r}
Amos Rann
Joseph Fuller
Wm Palmer
Josiah Webster
John Fuller
Jon^{a} Towl
Dan^{ll} Moulton

Benj[a] Norris jun[r]
Benj[a] Norton
Nathan Maston
John Damm
Edward Hall
W[m] Norton
Jon[a] Norris
John Jonson
Lenord Weeks
Sam[ll] + Davis his mark
Benj[a] + Davis his mark
Jon[a] Towl ju[r]
Sam[ll] Jennis
Henry Elkins
W[m] Rendal
Joseph Marston

[For other documents relating to the said bridge, see Vol. IX.—Ed.]

[R. 3–49] [Petition of Edward Fox of New Market, stating that he "was a listed soldier in the service of this Province In y[e] year 1756, under the Command of Cap[t] Abr[a] Perry & y[t] by some mistake he was made up I his roll for one Month & Ten days short of the time he was in said service" He was allowed £6, 2, 6.—Ed.]

[R. 3–50] [Deposition of Chase Wiggin of New Market, who states that he was at Fort Edward under Col. Meserve, in 1756, and came home with Benjamin York; and that said York was wounded at Chester, on the way home, by the bursting of his gun.—Ed.]

[R. 3–51] [Petition of Chase Wiggin, dated 1761, who states "That on his Returning Home from the armey where he was employed all the sumer past in the province service was take sick of the small pox on or about the third day of December last." He presented a bill for expenses of sickness amounting to £198, 10, 0, old tenor, and was allowed £7, 18, 9½ sterling.—Ed.]

[R. 3–52] [Petition of Josiah Wiggin of New Market, who stated that he was a soldier in Capt. George March's Co., Col. Goff's Reg't, in 1760; came home and had the small-pox, and wanted the province to pay the bill, which amounted to £188 old tenor. He was allowed £7, 10, 5, sterling.—Ed.]

[R. 3-55] [*Account for Supplies furnished a Soldier, 1779.*]

1779.—Dr. Account of Supplies to John Barter, for the Acc^{t} of the Town of Newmarket.

[The account was for various articles furnished by Joseph Young, Joshua Bracket, David Chapman, Walter Bryant, Jr., and Ichabod Bracket, and amounted to £166, 7, 0.—Ed.]

[R. 3-56] [*Petition of Jonathan Mason, Soldier, 1780.*]

[In a petition dated March 10, 1780, Jonathan Mason of New Market stated "That your Petitioner enlisted as a Soldier in the third Battalion of Troops of this State the 12th Day of February 1777 and Served in the army untill the Retreat from Ticonderoga at which time your Petitioner had the misfortune of being taken Prisoner by the Enemy from whom he soon after made his escape."—Ed.]

[8-23] [*Relative to Assistance to Soldiers' Families.*]

Newmarket 6th June 1775—

To the Hon^{bl} Provincial Congress at Exeter—Gent.

Whereas many Inhabitants of this Town are inlisted in the Provincial Service, whose Family whilst they are absent will stand in a great need of Support—and as it might be very Convenient if the Committee of Safety of this Town, could assist such Familys with Provisions or other Necessaries of Life in such Manner as that the same might be allowed The Town or any Private Person that inclined to advance for that Purpose; in any Future Proportion of Charges that may be made to Pay of s^{d} Soldiers—

Wherefore We Pray the Advice of this Hon^{bl} Convention—And that your Hon^{rs} would direct accordingly—

In Committee of Safety at Newmarket 6th June 1775

Voted that the foregoing Petition be presented to the Congress by Mr Parsons—

Thos Tash Chairman.

[8-20]

[This document is a "Plan of Land in Controversy 1764,"

"between the Select men & Ames." It purports to have been drawn by Wentworth Cheswill.—ED.]

[8–22] [*Request for Permit to send some Stock out of the Province, 1775.*]

To the Honorable Congress of the Colony of New Hampshire the Humble Pettion of Jonathan Colcord Jn^r^

Shueth that your petioner has two four old Stears and two Haffers and Eight Sheep he Wants to Send to pasemoquade to Winter, Where he has hay to Winter them out Wherefore your petioner prays your Honours Will Cleare out Said Cattel and Sheep to be Carreyd in a Schoner belonging to m^r^ Joseph Clark & walles. So that they may not be taken and Stop^d^ by any of our Crusers, and your pettoner as in Dutey bound Will Ever pray—

Jona Colcord

Newmarket Decr 27th 1775—

[8–24] [*Petition relative to the Fourth Regiment of Militia.*]

To the honourable Provincial Congress of the Colony of New Hampshire.

The Subscribers Inhabitants of that part of the Colony aforesaid which compose the fourth Regiment of Militia therein, beg leave to lay this petition before your honours respecting the Appointment of Capt Jeremiah Folsom to the Office of lieut Colonel in said Regiment & tho some of us may not be so immediately affected by such Appointment as others particularly the Inhabitants of Newmarket yet as we are all more or less interested in the Arrangement of the Regiment we beg leave earnestly to pray your honours to hear the prayer of this & other Petitions, now before your honours to reconsider the Vote of said Folsoms Appointment & let us have a Lieut Colonel more suitable as well as more agreable and tho the sole Privilege of such nomination & appointment is vested in your honours yet we have such Confidence in your honours Candour Goodness & tenderness for the People as leaves us no room to doubt but your honours will consider our Condition & grant our request which we beg leave humbly & earnestly to entreat & withal beging your honours to bear in mind that tho your honours may have greater knowledge of men & things

& consequently may be better Judges than your Petitioners of the propriety of any such appointment in general yet we beg leave to say in this particular case that no body knows so well where the shoe pinches as they that ware it—The People this way are rightly informed of the said Folsom, we fear your honours were not which occasions our adding this to we hope the already sufficient Number of Petitions already before your honours that if we cant be happy in the man we esteem we may not be unhappy in the man we do not admire

Simon Marston	Sanborn Cram	Josiah Clark
James Page	John morgean	Josiah Clark Junr
Daniel Page	Benjamin Carr	John cram
Benjamin Page	Edw webster	Abraham Page
Joseph Ham	Timothy Jones	Gideon Ham
Jeremiah Easman	John Jones	John Tirell
William Tirrell	Joseph Jones	William Rand
Thos Rand	David Jones	Ephraim Cram
Benjamin Kindrick	Benjamin Weeks	John Simpson
david Kindrick	Samuel Prescut	Moses Chase
Josiah Prescott	Jedediah Prescot Ju	Samll Leavitt Esqr
Robord Kelle	John Prescot	Josiah Chase
Clement Jackson Jur	Samuel McCluer	Henry Tucker
	Jonathan mccluer	John Eastman
Tristam Cram	Jonathan Judkins	Richard Jenness
Enoch Robie	Abraham Prescutt	David Robinson
william Simpson	Jacob Doe	Nathan Philbrick
Moro his × mark Parsons	Adonijah Fellows	Joses Philbrick
	Thomas Robie	Ezekiel Gilman
Nathl Rolins	Levi Dame	Joseph Smith
John Pearson	Asa marston	william mores
Joseph Currier	Cutten Cilley	Beniamen Bean
Ithiel Smith	william morrill	Stephen Prescutt
moses Barnard	Alexander Lucy	Thos Jenness
Josiah Prescut	John Wills	John Severince
David Batchelder	moses Daves	

Another petition contains the following:

James Hill	Robart Barber Ju	Jacob Burley
Hubartus Neal	Eliphelet Pease	Nicholas Doe Juner
Richard Clark	Jonathan Sanbon	Joseph meloon
Chas Wiggin	John Wedgwod	Robert Pike
Edward Hilton	Josiah Burley	John Burleigh
moses Egerley	william Burley	David Wiggin
Nathanel Lord	willam higgens	Benja Mead
Zebulon Davis	Benjamin Stevens	Josiah Hilton

Sam[ll] Baker	John Bennet	David Folsom
Charles Smart inur	Cotton Bennet	W[m] Coffin
Anthony Pickrein	Joshua Brackett	John Mason
Bening Brackett	Nicholas Hartford	Enoch Remick
Anthaney pickren Jur	Joseph Smart thos Churchell	John meder David Chapman
levy pickren	John tilton	John Cooke
John Perkins	Sam[ll] Chapman	Jonathan Doe
Winthrop Smith	Aron kenson	Moses Burley
Peter Drown	James Burley	John Bennett Jun
Stilmon Tarlton	Johnthen wiggen	Caleb Clark
John Marston	John Tash	John Ames
Jacob Pearson	Job Saveg	Andrew Burley
Daniel Cromell	Reuben Doe	Nat Gilman
Nat ames	Thomas Bennet	Jos Adams
Edward Colcord	John Colcord	David Smart
Samuel Dyer	Robert Jackson	William folsom
Samuel Neal	Joseph Folsom	Nat ames Ju
Brad[ts] Gilman	Walter Shute	

Another dated Sept. 15, 1775, contained the following:

Benj Johnson	Mason Rendel	Joshua Drew
John Johnson	David Davis	Aldad Langley
Increas Batchelder	Robert Davis	Joseph Langley
John Batchelder	Sawyer Chesle	John follet
Jonathan Clark	Jacob Davis	John Giles
John Smith	Abraham knight	John Kenson
William Prescott	Samuel Gray	Andrew Chesle
Volentine Kinnison	James Hall	Charles Wille
thomas georg	Joseph Joslon	John Brown
Jonathan folsom	Samuel Bresey	John Brown Ju
Zabulon norris	Joseph Jackson	Daniel Young
Daniel Hil	Stoten Tuttle	Jacob Burnum
James Godfree	Moses Davis	Joshua Furbur
Daves Batchelder	Samuel Burnam	Samuel Dam

Several other petitions contain the following:

Robert Hill	Jonathan knowlton	John Harvey
Ham lebey	Paul gerrish	Robert Avens
William Blake	John mead	Will[m] clark
Asahel Blake	Josiah Burnham	John watson
Sherbun Blake	Samuel Gilman 3[d]	James watson
Reuben Morgin	Joseph Sandborn	franses kinsten
Henry Sanborn	Jacob Burley	John chesle
Samuel Sherborn	william folsom ir	John Lane

Benj[a] Hill	Robert Goodwin	John gile
Samuel Johnson	John Doe	Benjamin fox
Thomas Piper	andrew Fulsan	Philip Bartlet
William Wallace	Elisha Thomas	Joshua Hoit
Simon Wadley	Frances Durgain	Growth Palmer
Sherbon Derbon	Brad[st] Doe	Nathanael Goodhue
Nathaniel Derbon	Moses davis	Andrew Nelley
Joseph Garman	Volintine Hill	Nehemiah Bartlet
John Foss	Israel Randel	Joseph Robinson
William Simson	James kelse	Levi Robinson
Joseph gilman	Moses Godfree	John Nelley
Samuel ward	abraham Batchelder	Thomas Odel
William Burley Junr	William Nelley	John Welch
Edward folsom	Samuel Daniels	Winthrop Langley
Daniel wilson	Tho[s] m[c]Connells	Abner Clough
Samuel Burleigh	John Bickford	Edward Bean
Thomas Rowlings	Solomon Bickford	Josiah Watson
Lewis Kinnison	Nathanel Randel	Zeph[a] Butler
Dudely Smart	John m[c]Crilles	Patten Simpsion
Elias Philbrick	Abednego Leathers	Samuel winslow
thomas knolton	Jr	Jonathan Huckins
John Durgin	Hezekiah Randel	Jonathan Willey

[8–28] [*Relative to Militia Affairs, 1775.*]

To the Hon[ble] Provincial Congress of the Colony of New Hampshire—

The Petition of Samuel Baker, James Hill and Wentworth Cheswill in behalf of the Town of Newmarkett Humbly Shews —That when all America are Asserting and your Honours are specially delegated to maintain amoung other Things; the Rights of a free Representation, of Representitives being liable to & bound by the Instructions of their Constituents: and of Petitioning for Redress of Grieviances—We doubt not your Hon[rs] will vouchsafe to hear this Petition, respecting Infringments on some of those Rights, by a Member of your Body— The Exercise of arbitrary Power over Places of Honour & Profit has once we have seen overballanced free Representation and helped to Reduce this Nation to a Civil War; may not therefore appointments to such Trusts, solicited or Accepted by Delegates in Violation of the Instructions of their Constituents, be justly esteemed Things of a bad and dangerous Tendency especially when such Honours fall upon Persons either of small Accomplishments or Low Merits—We therefore humbly Pray

your Honours to Eye the Hand of Freedom in our present case and preserve even in small Things the Priviledges & Immunities of Each Individual—The Town of Newmarket being the Second in the Regiment have usually had the second Field Officer appointed there: They still humbly pray for a Continuance of the Same Favour; and they did specially order and Instruct their Delegates to represent to your Honours the Desire of the Town That Major Thomas Tash might be appointed a Field Officer here, and themselves to use their Influence and Vote for said Tash accordingly—tho' not with any the most distant View of an exclusive Right to dictate to your Honours in the Matter, but only on a Confidence founded on Evidence of his Courage and good Conduct manifested the last War, and his firm and generous Exeritons in Defence of the Common Cause from its earliest rise: and from the Advantages they have from their Situation to gain the Knowledge of the Person in this Town most worthy of such an Office above that of many of your Honours to whom the Inhabitants of this Town are Strangers —And it cannot but justly alarm us that Capt Jeremiah Folsom one of our s^{d} Delagates should, repugnant to such Instructions not only neglect to inform your Honours of his s^{d} Instructions or even regard them himself, but Presumptiously (to use his own Words) "crawl into the Gap" The very Place which he by the Ties of his Word & Honour was obliged to endeavour to procure for another—This Conduct (had his Accomplishments as an Officer been equal to those of Major Tash or even greater) would we conceive have Apolligized for this Petition—it was this amoung other Reasons that induced the Town of Newmarkett at a Meeting of its Freeholders and other Inhabitants to Vote to dismiss the said Folsom from all further Service and to chose us a Committee to Prefer this Petition—humbly to beseech your Honours to reconsider said Appointment, and permit this Town still humbly to recommend the said Tash to your Honours Consideration & humbly to pray your Honours gracious Acceptance and Approbation of such Choice—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Pray—

Newmarkett 5th September 1775

Sam^{ll} Baker
James Hill
Wentworth Cheswill

[8-31] [*Relative to Military Officers, 1775.*]

Colony of N. Hampshire

To the Honourable Councel & House of Representatives for Said Colony—

The Petition & Remonstrance of us the Subscribers, non commission Officers & Soldiers in the north Company of Melitia in Newmarkett—Humbly Shews—

That Jeremiah Folsom under pretence of acting as Lieut. Col, of this Regiment, has as we humbly conceive, deprived us of the Liberty of Choosing our own Officers; agreable to the Resolution of the Honble Continental Congress; by assuming, & wantonly exercising, the Power of Moderator of the Meeting of s^d^ Company: & as such to adjourn from Time to Time; & from Place to Place; untill he had surreptitiously obtained a Vote for Edward Hilton Jr to be Captain: not by the free suffrages of the Soldiers, which we conceive ought to have been had; but by a Small Majority, of some of the Company, in Conjunction with several Commissioned Officers; & others that Did not belong to the Company & even some that did not belong to the Town—

Which Vote so obtained, he the s^d^ Folsom afterward refused to have reconsidered; tho' repeatedly demanded by a far greater Number than it was passed by and still persists in further adjourning the Meeting Contrary to the Sence of the Majority of the Company Present—and other unfair, partial, & oppressive behavour, of s^d^ Lt Colonel, compels us Humbly to pray, the interposition of this Hon^bl^ Court; & that s^d^ Folsom may be removed, from the Office of Lt Colonel; and We be restored to the Previledges of Soldiers, in Common with Other Americans: Which Previledges, we are determined to Assert, maintain, & defend; according to the Resolutions of the Hon^le^ Continental Congress—or have our Aforesaid Greivances Redressed, in Manner as shall Seem Meet to your Hon^rs^ & your Petitioners shall Pray—

At a Meeting of the North Company of Melitia in Newmarkett March 5th 1776—

Peter Drown	Josiah Bennett	Richard perkins
John Nason	Volentine Rollins	Peter Hersey
Zebulon Doe 3^d^	Willom Spriggens	Frances Durgain jr
William Simson	John meder	Cotton Bennet
John Perkins	Joseph meloon	Reuben Doe
Samuel Gill	Andrew Doe	Nicholas Doe Junr
william Burley Junr	Jos^h^ Clark	Zebulon Duda
John watson	Jonathan Dudley	Joshua Brackett

Smith Chapman
Edward Folsom
John Bartlett
Joseph Folsom
Anthoney Pickering Jr
Aaron kinsten
Joseph Saweige
John Bennett Jur
John Tash
Samuel Chapman Senr
william folsom ir
Benj^{a} Mead
Lewis Kinnison
Bening Brackett
Jeremiah Foss
Jonathan Folsam
Samuel Chapman
Joseph Chapman
James Dearborn
Gideon knight
Abraham Parsons
Robert Jckson
Jonathan Doe

[8–32] [*Relative to Church Matters, 1777.*]

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in general Assembly convened 7th November 1777—

The Petition of Jeremiah Folsom, Josiah Adams and Wentworth Cheswill Agents for and in behalf of The Town of Newmarket—Humbly shews

That the Inhabitants of said Town being divided in Religeous Sentiments; and the Circumstances of the Town not admitting of a local Division into two Parishes at Present: They have mutually agreed upon a Division between the Congregational & Preysbyterian Societies by Poll—In which Case neither Society having any legal Authority to call or settle a Minister of the Gospel in any way but as Individuals, nor can they Respectivly as Seperate Bodys, vote assess or collect any Sums of Money for the Support of the Gospel nor Transact any other Prudential Affairs of the Ministry—which obvious Difficulties being increased by a Vacancy in the Ministry of one Society—The Inhabitants in legal Town Meeting Assembled the 3^{d} Ins^{t} mutually agreed upon a Mode of Division by Polling as by the Journal of said Meeting appears—and appointed us the Subscribers Agents to petition this Honble Court for Leave to Bring in a Bill to recognize & establish said Division: and enable said Societies respectively to transact the Prudential Affairs of their Ministry seperatly in the same Manner the Town might do if united—Which we humbly pray your Honours to take under Consideration; and grant such Releif as to your Honours shall seem meet—

And your Petitioners shall pray—

Jeremiah Folsom
Josiah Adams
Wentworth Cheswill

[This petition was granted.—Ed.]

[8–33] [*Members of the West Society, 1778.*]

To the Town Clerk of Newmarket—

We the Subscribers desire our Respective Names be Entered as Members of the Western Society in Said Town Agreeable to Charter.

Jeremiah Folsom, Walter Bryent, Junr, Wm. Burleigh, James Cram, Thomas Bennet, Willm Renton, Arthur Bennett, Levi Folsom, Joshua Bracket, Aaron Kinnison, Nich^{o} Harford, Jon^{a} Wiggen, Wm Burleigh, J^{r}, Zebulon Duda, Smith Chapman, Rufus Ewer, Benj^{a} Tayler, John Folsom, Josiah Burleigh, Jon^{a} Roberson, John Watson, David Wiggin, Joseph Smart, Robert Gooding, Enoch Folsom, Winthrop Wiggin, Thomas Churchill, Mehitable Gooding, Jacob Ames, Joseph Young, Joseph Joy, John Young, Nicholas Doe, Edward Smith, Wm Simpson, Jacob Durgan, Thomas Wiggen, Joseph Gilman, John Cook, Joseph Clark, John Meeder, Elizabeth Folsom, Samuel Burleigh, Simeon Folsom, Edward Hilton, Asa Folsom, Thomas Kinnison, Walter Bryent, Josiah Hilton, Ichabod Bracket, Charles Smart, Israel Gilman, Jacob Burleigh, Junr, William Stockman, Zebulon Doe, Junr, Gamalil Ewer, Job Savage, Zebulon Doe, Liwes Kinnison, Benjamin Chapman, Jon^{a} Doe, Elizabeth Hilton.—

Received the 10th of January 1778—

True Coppy

Attest Jos. Adams Town Cl

Nathanel Gilman	Zebulon Neal	Jonathan Colcord
Stephen Hardy	Nath^{ll} Rogers	Junr
John Marster	Theodore Carlton	John Mighels
John Neal	E Mighels	Samuel Mighels
	William Shute	

In behalf of Saml Smart }
Nathl Rogers }

In behalf of Josiah Smart }
Nath^{ll} Gilman }

Dudley Smart	Peter Colcord	George Hart
Joseph Shute	Ebenezar Speed	Thomas Tayler
Jeremiah Young	Michael Shute Junr	Ede Hall Bergin
Jeremiah Foss	Anthony W. Car-	Joseph Weeks
John Mead	penter	David Gilman
Levi Mead	Stephen Liford	
Eliphalet Colcord	Francis Durgin	

Recev'd Aprill 12th 1779.

James Gilman. Recevd March 31. 1782

Daniel Hilton Recvd April 5. 1782

Wm Boardman
Eliz. Boardman
Vincent Tar
John Young-Jur
Benja Vernam
James Smith

} Receivd March 2d 1784—

The foregoing Names are true Coppy on Record. of those belonging to the West Society in Newmarket

Attest Josiah Adams
Town Cl

[8-34] [*Relative to New Market Bridge, 1780.*]

State of New-Hampshire

To the Honble Council and House of Representatives for said State in general Assembly Conven'd at Portsmouth 24th october AD 1780—

Humbly Shew We the Subscribers, freeholders and Inhabitants of divers towns in this State that Stratham & Newmarket, Lottery Bridge so Called, is now become ruinous and almost impassable and unless Speedily Repaired the Great Expence of building it & Great Benefit and Convenience the Public might Still Receive therefrom will be entirely Lost—As the Said Bridge was built by Lottery for the Public advantage and as no particular Towns are Chargeable with the Repairs thereof your Petitioners humbly Conceive that a Lottery for the Repair of Said Bridge would be found the most elegible way Wherefore your Petitioners humbly Pray that your Honors would (as in Some Cases you have) Grant a Lottery for that purpose, or that the Same brige may be Supported in future at the Charge of the County of Rockingham or in such other manner as your Wisdom may dictate and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c—

Walter Bryent	Edward Smith	Jerh Fosom
Thos Tash	Samuel Burleigh	Rufus Ewers
Jeremy Bryent	Benja Stevens	Elipt Neal
Joseph young	Jeremy pineo	Paul Chapman
Joseph Young Jur	Bejamin Smith	Wiggin Doe
Benjamin Chapman	Simeon Folsom	Jona Stevens

Josiah Parsons	Enoch Stevens	Stilmon Tarlton
Josh Clark	Jonathan Doe	Asa Folsom
Nicholas Hartford	John Bennett Ju	Ichd Brackett
Jere Young	Levi Mead	Samll Durgin
Zebulon Durgin	Joseph Saevy	John gile
Benja Smith	John Cooke	Edward foox
Jno Smith	David Chapmon	William Coffin
Nathl Kidder	Benj Nudd	Joseph Brackett
James Cram	William Boardman	James Burley
John young	William Cram	John young
Robert Hill	Hubartus Neal	Robt. york

[8–35] [*Proceedings of a Town-Meeting relative to Articles of Confederation, etc., 1782.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss—

The legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in the Town of Newmarket are hereby notified and Warned to meet at the Old Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the 18th Day of November next at 2 O'Clock P M. Then & there 1st to choose a Moderator—2dly To Elect a Representative; and Vote for Councellors for the year insuing: agreable to a Precept from the General Court of this State—3dly To take under Consideration the Plan of Government proposed by the Convention of this State, by their Resolution of the 21st of August last to be laid before the People—and Take such order thereon as the Meeting may think proper—4thly To pass any Other Vote or Votes, that may then and there be thought necessary—

Given under our Hands at Newmarkett this 31st Day of October. 1782—

Walter Bryent Junr
Joseph Doe
Wentworth Cheswill
} Selectmen of Newmarket

At a Meeting of the legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in the Town of Newmarkett. at the Old Meeting House in said Newmarket on Monday the 18th Day of November 1782. Pursuant to Warrant—

1st Voted Capt Samuel Baker Moderator—

The Moderator ordered the Votes to be brought in for the Choice of a Representative, the Votes being accordingly brought in and Numbered and there were

19 Votes for Colo Hill
17 Votes for Capt Gilman
1 Vote for Mr John Tash

Whereupon the Moderator declared that the Meeting had made Choice of Col° Hill for their Representative—

There was then an Objection made that the Proceedings of the Meeting was not legal by Reason of the Voters not takeing the Oath of Fidillity and after Debateing upon the Matter for Some Time the Meeting then Voted to adjourn to Monday next at One of the Clock in the Afternoon

This Meeting is accordingly adjourn'd

Samuel Baker. Moderator—

Attest, Josiah Adams Town Clk

The Meeting met according to Adjournment—upon Motion made Whether the Meeting Should Proceed to finish the Remainder of the Business in the Warrant, it past in the Affirmative by a large Majority—Whereupon Capt Samuel Gilman, Capt Neal, Theodore Carlton and Nathl Gilman dissented against the above Vote by Reason the Voters not being Quallified—

The Moderator ordered the Votes to be brought in for the Choice of Councellors The Votes were accordingly brought in —Then Voted this Meeting be Adjourned to Monday the 9th day of December next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon, This Meeting is Adjourned Accordingly

Samuel Baker Moderator—

Attest Josiah Adams Town Clk

The Meeting met According to Adjournment this 9th Day ot December 1782—a Paper was then presented to the Meeting Signed by a Number of Persons, Offering their Reasons for their Dissenting against the Meeting upon the Several adjournments, in the Following Words (Vizt)—

At a Town Meeting held at Newmarket 18th November, 1782 and Continued by adjournment, to the 25th November 1782, and further Continued by adjournment, 9th December, 1782—

From and against the Votes and Proceedings of all Severall Meetings We the Subscribers Dissent and Protest for the following Among other Reasons—

1st Because when the Votes were brought in for a Representative and an objection was made against any Persons Voting who had not taking the Oath of Allegiance to the State the Moderator did not take care to see the Voters quallified according to Law, but Declared Col° Hill chosen by a Majority of only One Vote, when it was Notoriously known that many of the Persons that Voted had not taken the Oath according to Law. 2dly Because after the Objection was made as aforesaid and debated upon and the Act of the State enjoining the Afore-

said Oath was Read and the Meeting adjourned—on that Account no Entry there of was made, but on the adjournment the Moderator proceeded in the Vote for Councellors in the Same Manner as before without the Voters being Quallified and further adjourned the Meeting to Consider of the Plan of Government without any Notice being taken of the utter illegality of such proceeding—3dly Because we Apprehend that many People were misled into such undue measures by Col^{o} Hill, publickly declaring in the Meeting that the Act enjoining an Oath of Allegiance was not intended for the People here but only made for the People in the upper part of the State—and therefore because many who were not Quallified and others that were Quallified Conceiving the proceedings to be illegall did not Vote either for Representative or Councellors, We as aforesaid do Dissent and Protest against the proceedings had or to be had in the Premises—and Request an Entry of the foregoing on the Records—

Samuel Gilman	Samuel Neal	Joseph S. Gilman
Robert Pike	James Gilman	Theodore Carlton
Bradstreet Gilman	Daniel Hilton	Hubartus Neal
Andrew Gilman	Nathl Gilman	Jacob Fowler—

Upon Motion made Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the Widdow Longfellows House Immediately—Met According to adjournment, and after Reading the Plan of Government and debateing thereupon—it was put whether the said Plan Should be Received or Not, it past in the Affirmative Ten for it, and Three against it—

This Meeting is Disolved—

Samuel Baker Moderator

Attest Josiah Adams Town Clk

A True Coppy of the Whole

Attest Josiah Adams Town Clk

[8–37] [*Petition for a Civil Magistrate, 1784.*]

State of Newhampshire—

To his Excellency the President, and the honourable the Council of the State of New Hampshire—

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the town of Newmarket, in the county of Rockingham, humbly Shews—

That the necessity of appointing civil Officers, of integrity, uprightness & ability is of the last importance, & deeply felt by

your Petitioners—That as your Petitioners wish that Persons may be appointed in this town to the Office of Justices of the Peace, whose lives, Abilities & Estate will not only do honor to the town, but tend to make the government under which we live permanent & respectable. That as a multiplicity of business is transacted in that part of the Town called Lamper-River, which part of the town for some time past has been, & now is, destitute of a person in Commission for the Conservation of the Peace—Your Petitioners humbly beg leave to mention to your Excellency & honours, Jeremy Bryant Esqr as a Person (resident in said part of the town) best qualified, in their opinion, for that Important office—Your Petitioners mean not to dictate, but humbly pray your Excellency & honours, if you think the abovenamed Person worthy, that he may be appointed to the aforesaid important Office &, as in duty bound, will ever pray &c—

Newmarket 5th April 1784

James Hill	Lewis Kinnison	Thos Carlton
Daniel Hill	Moses kinnison	Charles Smart ir
John Shute	Josiah Hilton	Joseph Saweige
Jacob Fowler	Robert Goodwin	Samuel waymouth
Edward Hilton	Jonath Wigens	Hilton Smart
Saml Gilman	Jacob Ames	Wiggin Doe
Andrew Gilman	John Watson	Sam Chapman
Thos Taylor	Cotton Bennet	John M. Smith
Levi Chapman	David Chapman	Andrew Smith
Robert Pike Ju	Levi Pickreing	thomas wiggin
William Cario	Dudly Smart	Benning Brackett
Philip Fowler	Richard Hilton	Daniel Hilton
Nath Gilman	Samuel Ward	Samuel Pickering
Thomas Bennett	John Sanborn	John Perkins
Walter Bryent Jr	Solomon Daniels	Jacob Folsom
John Bennet	Edward Wells	Willam Folsom
Winthrop Smith	Wm French	Jacob Hersey
Eliphalet Smith	Thomas Hanaford	John Marston
Benj^{a} Mead	Zebulon Barber	
Wentworth Cheswill	John Ames	

[8-38] [*Petition for a Magistrate, 1784.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To his Excellency the President and Honble Council for the State of New Hampshire convened at Concord the first Wednesday in June Anno Domini 1784—

Humbly shew the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Newmarket in the County of Rockingham and State afore[d] That a Justice of the peace is greatly wanted in the north part of said Town; especially the district called Lampereel River— Your Petitioners beg leave to recommend M[r] James Smith as a person of good reputation, and well qualified to act in said office; Therefore they would humbly pray your Excellency, and Council to commissionate the said James Smith to act as a Justice of the peace in said County of Rockingham, And your Petitioners as in duty bound will pray &c—

March 23th 1784.

Nathaniel Ewer	Joseph Young Jun[r]	Asa Folsom
William Burley	George Curtis	David Coolcord
Jonathan Robinson	Jonathan Colcord	W. Renton
Benj Taylore	Benjamin French	Samuel Ward
James Cram	Benjamin Dow	Elijah Wiggins
William Bordman	Paul Chapman	Simeon Folsom
Jethro Sandborn	John Cooke J[r]	Benjamin Chapman
Jonathan Doe	Jer[e] Young	Zebulun Doe
John Young	Ich[d] Brackett	Joseph Smith Juner
William Burley Jur	Simon Dow	Benjamin Varnum
Sam[l] Smart	John Cook	John Meader
John Young Jun[r]	Andrew Doe	Zebedee Dude
David Cram	Vincent Torr	Josiah Parsons

[8-39] [*Petition for Authority to call a Special Meeting, 1785.*]

To the Hon[ble] House of Representatives Of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Convened June 8th 1785—

Humbly Shows the Subscribers Inhabitants of Newmarket, That at the last Annual Meeting held in Newmarket for the Choice of a Representative a Vote was Obtained to desolve said Meeting without any Choice being made, Contrary to the Minds of a great Number of said Inhabitants—

Your Petitioners conceiving themselves Injured they therefore pray your Hon[rs] would Grant Liberty to the Selectmen of the Town of Newmarket, to call a Meeting to make Choice of a Representative to Represent said Town in the General Court the Current Year—and as bound Shall pray &c—

Newmarket, June 14th 1785

Hubartus Neal	Josia Adams	Jonathan Colcord
David Colcord	Danl Hill	Winthrop Wiggin
John Neal	Hub^{t} Neal Junr	John Colcord
Zebulon Neal	Robert Pike	Peter Colcord
Wm Cario	Walter Shute	William Shute
Moses Burleigh	Wm Odiorne	Edward Colcord
John M. Smith	Robart Mitchel	Wm Badger
A. W. Carpenter	Rueben Doe	Stilmon Tarlton
Theod^{r} Carlton	Philip Fowler	Eliphalet Colcord
Samuel Gilman Junr	Danl Hilton J^{r}	John Marster
Joseph Mash	Joseph Hoage	Enoch Stevens
David Smart	David Hilton	Robert Smart
John Shute	William Neal	Samuel Baker

[The foregoing petition was granted in H. of Rep., June 17, 1785.—Ed.]

[8–42] [*Proposal relative to Bridge, 1785.*]

The Subscribers in behalf of the Petitioners for the removeal of Newmarket Bridge beg leave to make the following proposal

If the Honorable General Court will be pleased to grant the prayer of the Petitioners for the purpose aforesaid We will give sufficient Bonds to build A Bridge at the Newfields Two feet higher than it now is the Piers with half Diamonds up & down the River the Ship Passage Thirty One feet wide and keep it in repair Twenty Years

Nat. Rogers
Henry Wiggin

[8–46] [*Petition to have New Market Bridge repaired, 1785.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honble Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Portsmouth the 1st Day of June 1785.

Humbly shews, The subscribers, that, Newmarket Bridge, so called, leading from Stratham to Newmarket, is, and for a long time has been, in a ruinous condition—that, unless immediate repairs prevent, the great design of building the same will be defeated, and the public essentially injured thereby—

Wherefore, as the continuance of said Bridge would be of public benefit, your petitioners humbly pray, that your honors would devise some way, for its speedy Repair and future support, and they as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Daniel Rindge
Wm Brewster
David Folsom
Dan R. Rogers
Nahum Ward
Saml Storer
Edward Sargent
Aaron Hill
John Gould
J. allcock
Robt Parker
Saml Bowles
William parker
James Haslett
Danl Peirce
John Lewes
Saml Ham J^r
R Hart
John Sherburne
Hall Jackson
John Peirce
Wm Whipple
Saml Cutts
Jno Tuckerman
John Beck
Win^t Bennet
James Hill
Moses Woodward
Daniel Hart
Edward Park
John Cutt
Abner Blasdel
John Dennett
Benjamin Woodbury
Joth^m O Appleton
Alexander Ewen
Joseph Fitzgerald
Charles Waters
Titus Salter
Samuel Fernald
John Reding Jur
Thomas Sheafe
Henry Sherburne
Elijah Hall
Richd Billings
Enoch Meloon
Tobias Walker

Wm Sheafe
Sam Penhallow Jr
Jeremiah Hill
Ichabod Nichols
Edmund H Quincy
Samuel Hill
Jo Haven
Joseph Champney
Jacob Sheafe jun^r
Ric^d Champney
Peter Coues
Wm Morris
James drisco
Wm Gardner
Nat: Sparhawk
Nathl Adams
Martin Parry
John Lebbey
John Melcher
Nath^ll Peirce
Beng^n Drowne
Joshua Brackett
John Sheafe
Robert Gerrish
William Ham
Geo: Jaffrey
James Grouard
James Miller
Benjamin Slade
Thos Sherburne
Saml Moses Junr
Hunking Faxson
Danel Davis
Jacob Sheafe
Sam Sheafe
Shackford Seaward
John Pitman
Richard Jenkins
John Howe
James Melcher
John Greenleaf
James Jones
William White
Benj^a G Carter
Ephraim Dennett
Samuel Cotton
Joseph Akerman

Joseph Cotton Jur
Reuben Snell
James Trefethen
Joseph Clark
Ezekiel pitman
Natt^l Melcher
Wm Dearing
Jos^h Seaward
Gupey Studley
Eph^m Ham
Amos Beck
Edmund Coffin
Paul Laighton
John Hall
Josiah Akarman
Humfry Thomas
Giles Seaward
John Broten
thomas thurber
Thomes Stoodly
Jno Seaward
Thomas Walden
Timothy Ham
Saml Place
Thomas Preast
Sam^ll Waters Jur
Richd Harvey
Robert Neall
Daniel Lang
William Vaughan
Benja^a Partridge
Nath Pitman
Joseph O Shaw
Samuel Hall
Wm Cotton
Saml Hutchings
Reuben Shapley
Joseph Moulton
James Marden
Charles Roberts
Joseph Shillaber
Jon Chase Freese
Stephens Weeks
Joseph Walton
Theo^r Davis
Tho Roach
Joshua L Huntress

Jn° Shores
Nath[l] Thwing
Thomas Simes
Samuel Briard
Samuel Briard J[r]
John Peirce Jun[r]
Jn° Simes
W[m] M[c]Hard
Jonathan Warner
Samul Doe
Nath[l] Dennett
A. R. Cutter
Thomas Palmer
Samuel Haven J[r]
Sam Sherburne
Benj Bigelow Jun[r]
Clement Storer
W[m] Wilson
Nat Treadwell
Francis Borland
W[m] Knight
John Furnald
Edmund Roberts
Geo Wentworth
Jeremiah Libbey
Peter Pearse
Geo Turner
Keith Spence
Sam Hale
Tho[s] Thompson
Mark H[g] Wentworth
Seth Walker
Nath[l] Marshall
Richard Low
John Ham
Tho Bickford
John Cutt Jun[r]
Dan[l] Symes
John Marshall
John Stavers
Sam[ll] Dalling
John Sparhawk
Dan[l] Huntress
John Martin
John Sherburn
William Seavy
O Whipple
Th° Moses
Thomas Chadbourn
Noah Peirce
Sam[ll] Jackson
John Penhallow
Sam[l] Drowne
Samuel Tripe
Nath[l] March
Tim° Gerrish
Henry Bickford
Charles B. Grace
Stacy Hall
William Ayers
William Yeaton
John Davenport
William Brotten
John Reed
George Tucker
Nathan Nichols
Jon[a] Shillaber
Samuel Waterhouse
Nahum Akarman
Mark Nelson
Artemas W Trusdel
George Jerry Osborne, jur
Sam[ll] Jones
John Gardner
John Lord
W[m] Moses
George Seward
N : furbur
Solomon Cotton
W[m] Blunt
Sam[l] Rymes
John Wendell
George Freese
Joseph Bass
John Goddard
Joseph Freese
Joseph Whidden
Benj[a] Dearborn
Sam[l] Langdon
George Massey

[In H. of Rep., June 4, 1785, a committee was appointed on the foregoing petition, consisting of Colonels Bartlett, Wiggin, Gilman, Toppan, and Mr. Brackett; the senate added Mr. Gilman and Mr. Atkinson. The following is their report.—Ed.]

[8-43]

The Com[ee] on the within petition beg leave to report as their opinion that the former Act respecting the Bridge be repealed & that an Act pass enacting that in future the said Bridge be repaired & supported in manner following viz that the end on Newmarket side so far as to the hoist be repaired & supported at the expence of the said Town of Newmarket and the end on Stratham side be repaired and supported at the expence of said

Stratham so far as the hoist and that the hoist be repaired & supported at the expence of the Towns of Portsmouth greenland & Rye Portsmouth to pay three quarters of said expence greenland & Rye the other quarter for & during the Term of ten years and no longer which is submitted

Geo. Atkinson for the Com^ee

[In H. of Rep., June 17, 1785, the foregoing report was accepted, but the senate did not concur.—ED.]

[8-47] [*Petition for the removal of New Market Bridge, 1785.*]

State of Newhampshire

To the Honble Senate & House of Representatives for Said State in General Court convened at Concord the third Wednesday of Octr 1785—

Humbly shew the Subscribers, that Newmarket Bridge is unpassable and in a ruinous condition, that the Remaining materials of the Bridge will be lost soon unless the Bridge is repaired, or materials removed—that your petitioners conceive there is no prospect of the Bridge being Repaired, and that the remains of the Bridge were they removed to the Newfields, would Serve to build a Bridge across the River there, where the River is narrower and the Tide less rapid, than the place where the Bridge Stands, if a Bridge were erected and kept at the Newfields the Public would be better Accommodated and the River less obstructed—And as many Persons are Willing to Subscribe considerable sums of Money to build a Bridge at the Newfields Your petitioners conceive there is a fair prospect of a Sufficient Sum being subscribed for building a Bridge there and keeping the same in repair for ten years from the building thereof in case leave were given to move the Meterials of the Old Bridge to help build the new one, before the removel of which Materials Sufficient caution shall be given for building and keeping the new Bridge in Repair as aforesaid and your petitioners as in duty bound shall pray &c

Jo^s Cilley	Isaac Prince	John Ford
Sam^ll Dearborn	Benjamin Butler	Alexander Lucy
Bradb^y Cilley	Joshua Stevens	Benjamin Lucy
Jon^a Cilley	Edward Bean	Thos Bartlet
Jon^a Rawson	Thos Harvy	John F^y Williams

Thomas Jenness Rand	Joseph Nealey	Mich. McClary
Isaac fry Williams	John Harvy	Samuel Prescut
William Simpson	Jonathan Tilton	Saml Robie
John Avery	David Thompson	
	Asa Guile	

[8–48] [*Remonstrance to foregoing, 1786.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the hon^{ble} Senate & house of Representatives of said State in General Assembly convened—February 1st 1786—

The Answer of the Towns of Durham Newmarket Madbury, Lee and Northwood, to a Certain Petition now depending before this hon^{ble} Court to remove Newmarkett Bridge to the New Fields, by their Committees appointed for that Purpose, whose Names are hereunto subscribed: who for themselves and their Constituents, humbly Pray, that for the following among other Reasons (which they beg Leave to offer at the hearing) that the Prayer of the Said Petition may not be granted—

To which we object and say

1st That a very considerable Part of the Petitioners themselves, do not wish the Bridge to be removed: and were only induced to sign the Petition upon a Misrepresentation, that there would not be any Bridge unless it was Removed: the Contrary of which will not so clearly appear; that we presume to hope the hon^{bl} Court will consider the said Petition, as in fact it is a Measure calculated to serve the private Views of a few Persons about the New-fields to the manifest detriment of the Public in general.—

2dly Because the principal Reasons therein assigned for Removal of the Bridge are not True, for they say that at the proposed Place the river is narrower & the Tide less Rapid than at the Place where the Bridge Stands. the bare denial of which we presume might be a sufficient Answer—For the River at the Bridge being not only broader but also much deeper, consequently the Tide cannot be so rapid—The very Water Courses of the Present Bridge by their Wedth & depth afford a larger Passage for the Water, than the whole wedth of the River at the newfields and from which deducting the Spaces which the Piers & abutments of a Bridge will necessarily take up, the Course of the Water will be so much obstructed as will effect the Navagation to a very great Degree as well as endanger the Bridge it self—They also say that a Bridge at the Newfields

would better Accommodate the Public & less obstruct the River—neither of which facts are True, for the Contrary will clearly appear both by the Memorials: and also by the Plan (herewith exhibited) it will appear that for all Travellors on the lower Road leading over said Bridge the way by the proposed Bridge is a Mile & three quarters further than by the Present Bridge and a much worse road especially for Carriages —And even the Western Road thro' Epping Nottingham, Deerfield, Epsom &c the lower Road is 154 Rods nearer—so that upon the very moderate computation of only 50 Persons a Day passing said Bridge by each of said Roads such Removal will Occasion the Public more than 36,000 miles Travel in a Year; besides more than a quarter of a Days work for every Team passing to and from Portsmouth that Way; which will be a Cost far exceeding the Repair of the Bridge; so that the Public cannot (with any Propriety) be said to be Accommodated by a Measure which will be detrimental to more thousands than it can really Benefit single Persons—The same we must still object & say with Respect to the Obstruction of the River, untill we hear upon what new Principles they will prove That, the Smaller the Passage the same Body of Water passes through in the same Time the less rapid the Stream—

3dly Because a Work of such Importance as a Bridge over a Navagable River, in its own Nature ever is should be done not only in such manner & Place as would best Accomodate the Public in passing over the same, but also be the least detrimental to the Water Carriage; and which in that River is of considerable Consequence—And accordingly the Place where the Bridge now is was fixed upon for that purpose by a Committe of both Branches of the Legeslature, accompanied by an approved Engeneer, sent on Purpose to view & examine the River before the Bridge was built and now many Years tryal clearly shows that the Place was well chosen: Whereas it is uncertain whether a Bridge could be made to stand at the proposed Place where the current is quicker and the Botom sandy—

4^{thly} Because there has been more than a Mile of Road laid out on purpose to accomodate the Present Bridge, which upon Removal thereof, if continued open will be a needless burden on the public: and if shut up, will leave those Persons who upon Confidence in the public Faith have purchased or divided their Estates in Conformity thereto, to purchase Roads for themselves: some of them thro' the same Land, which their Ancesters generously gave the Public:—And several Miles more of New Road, must be purchased by the Public—

5^{thly} We object & Answer that all the other Reasons by them assigned for the Removal of the Bridge; either opperate as

forcably for the repair of the same where it now is; or are mere Suggestions without the least Foundation—

All which we are ready, to Prove to the hon^le^ Court on Trial and for which amoung other Reasons, We humbly pray that the Prayer of said Petition may not be granted—

And that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Repair of the Present Bridge & prescribing the Method in which the Same shall be supported in future by Subscription, agreable to a proposal of your Memorialists herewith exhibited, or otherways as to your Hon^rs^ in Wisdom shall seem meet: And your Memorialists as in Duty bound shall pray—

Lee, 30th January 1786.—

Geo: ffrost
Eben^r^ Thompson
volentine mathes
} Committe for Durham

Saml Gilman
Joseph Young
Wentworth Cheswill
} Committe for Newmarket

John Demerit
John Wingate
} Committe for Madbury

Reuben Hill
Joseph Sias
Robert thompso
} Committe for Lee—

John Harvey
Jon^a^ Clark
} Committe for Northwood

[8-51] [*Remonstrance of Citizens of Epping.*]

To the hon^ble^ the Senate and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Assembled February 1786—

The Humble Petition & Remonstrance of the Subscribers, Freeholders & Inhabitants of Epping and places adjacent in said State, Shew, as causes why the Prayer of a Certain Petition now depending before this hon^ble^ Court to remove Stratham Bridge to the New Fields, should not be granted, the following among other Reasons—

1st Because, upon survey of the River, and adjacent places a former Committee of the general Court, Accompanied with approved Engeneer, sent on purpose to examine the Premises then adjudged, the Place where the Bridge now stands to be

the best if not the only convenient place, to accomodate both the Land and Water Carriage—

2dly Because the said Bridge being built by a Lottery many Adventurers undoubtedly, risqued their money soly with a view of having the Bridge established where it would best accomodate them, which would not be the case were the same to be removed as is now proposed—

3dly Because there is already a Subscription, which we conceive will be full sufficient, to put the Bridge in good repair much sooner than it could possably be removed—

4thly Because we conceive the great Utility of the Bridge will ever be more likely to procure Subscriptions to keep it in Repair in the Place where it now is, where it so well Accomodates the Public in general, than if it was removed where (excepting the Present projectors, who may not always happen to be so warm) it can Accomodate but very few—

Wherefore we humbly & mostly earnestly pray that the said Petition may be dismissed—

Nathaniel Wiggin	Levi Franch	Lyford Dow
Moses Davis	Josiah Clark	Benj Dow
David Folsom	Samuel French	John Parsons
Winthrop Folsom	Josiah Tilton	Stephen Clark Jur
David Folsom Ju	Benj Straw	Job Parsons
Nathll Ladd	Daniel Dow	Zebulon Dow

[8–49] [*Deposition of Hubartus Neal relative to the Bridge.*]

The Deposition of Capt Hubartus Neal of Lawful Age Testifies and says, that he the Deponent has been well acquainted with Exeter River for many year's, more particularly with them Parts of said River, where both the Ferries were formerly kept between Stratham & Newmarket, and says that at the lower place where the Bridge is now built the Bottom is very hard, & firm, and about Ten feet deepth of Water in the Channel at low Water, and the River is about four hundred feet wide—The Deponent also says that at the Newfields Landing the River is about Two hundred and ninty five feet wide, & from three to Six & half feet Deep and the Bottom, Sand & loose Bottom—

And the Deponent further saith, that he viewed the said Bridge last week & upon Examination the Deponent found the Stone Abutments of said Bridge which extend about two hundred & fifty feet, to remain almost intirely firm and good as

when first built, and also all them parts of the Piers below half Tide.

Hubartus Neal

Feb. 6, 1786—

[Sworn before Samuel Gilman.]

[8–50] [*Deposition of Captain Woodman relative to the Bridge.*]

The Deposition of Capt Archelaus Woodman of lawful Age testifies & says that he the Deponent has been well acquainted with the building Bridges many Years, & that he the Deponent did last week at the Request of Committees from Divers Towns Examine & survey the Bridge over Exeter River, & also the said River at the Newfields landing—And says that almost all the Stone work of the Abutments, & the Piers below half Tide is sound & good and Appears to stand very firm & solid and the Deponent says he found the Bottom there to be very level, & exceeding hard and firm, and the Water about Ten feet deep at low water—And also the Deponent says that he found the Bottom of said River at the Newfields to be very uneven, and soft—and appeared to the Deponent to be Sand or loose Gravel—and the water from three to Six & half feet Deep—

Archelaus Woodman

Feb. 6th 1787—

[Sworn before Samuel Gilman.]

[8–52] [*Deposition of Walter Bryent.*]

The Deposition of Walter Bryent aged about Seventy five years testifieth & saith that ye Deponant (with messers Hubartis Neal & Archelaus Woodman) on the 4th Instant measured ye Bridge & took the Depth of the water below Low water mark in the passages for water through said Bridge over ye River from Newmarket to Stratham and found the warfe there Built on the northwest Side of said River to be from the upland to the first passage way one hundred Seventy & Six feet then a passage for watter thirty & five feet & one half foot y^{n} a peir twenty three & one half feet then a passage thirty four feet Broad Six feet & nine Inches Deep below Low watter mark then a peir Sixteen feet Broad on which the highst Stands then the passage for Vessels twenty nine feet Broad & Eight feet

Deep on the top of the timber there which is more then two feet high from ye Bottom of the River then a peir Sixteen feet Broad then a passage forty five feet & one half Broad & Eight feet & one half Deep below Low watter mark (for Rafts &c to pass in) to the Butment on the South East Side of the River which Butment is Seventy feet to the upland & the Deponant finds by Calculation that the passages for watter below Low watter mark where the Bridge Stands is by multipliing the Bredth by the Depth Contains nine hundred Eighty & three Square feet then the Deponant & Company moved to the newfields Landing & found the watter passages that may be there may Contain below Low watter mark Seven hundred & ninteen Square feet the Difference is two hundred Sixty four Square feet according to the Best of my Judgment the Bottom at the Bridge is Level & hard the Bottom at the newfields is more Sandy & Soft

Walter Bryent

[Sworn before Samuel Gilman.]

[Documents numbered 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 59, in the manuscript volume, are petitions for the appointment of Wentworth Cheswill as justice of the peace; and number 60 is a petition for Eliphalet Smith.—Ed.]

[8–62] [*Relative to Church Matters, 1793.*]

At a legal meeting of the west Society in Newmarket held at the New meeting house in said town the 29th day of may 1793 by adjournment

Voted Capt Joseph Young be moderator P T——

Voted Mr Ichabod Hilton Doc Nathaniel Kidder & Capt Andrew Gilman be a Committee to join a Committee of the east society in said town to Petition the General Court for a Repeal of an Act passed the 21th Day of November A D 1777 dividing this town into two Societies—

Joseph Young moderator

A Copy examined by James Smith Society Clerk—

[8–63]

At a legal Meeting of the East Society in New market held at the Newmeeting House in s^d^ Town May 29th 1793, by Adjournment—

Voted that Mr Ichabod Hilton Doctr Nathaniel Kidder, and Capt Andrew Gilman, be a Committee to join a Committee of the West Society; to Petition the General Court for a Repeal of Act passed the 27th Day of November 1777, dividing this Town into Two Societies—

A true Extract from the Minutes of sd Meeting
Examined per Wentworth Cheswill Clerk

[8-64] [*Petition relative to Church Matters, 1793.*]

State of New hampshire—

To His Excellency the Governor, the Honble Senate & House of Representatives in General Court conven'd at Concord the first Wednesday of June 1793.

The Petition of the Subscribers Agents appointed at a Meeting of the East and West Societies in Newmarket Notified according to Law—humbly sheweth that in the month of November A D 1777 an Act passed the General Assembly of said State dividing said Town into two Societies—The Operation of which from Experience has been found to be very in convenient & prejudicial to the Intrest of the parties concerned,—Wherefore they pray in behalf of said Societies that the aforesaid Act may be repealed—And as in duty bound will ever pray &c—

Ichabod Hilton
Nathl Kidder
And Gilman

Newmarket June 5th 1793

[The act was repealed June 13, 1793.—Ed.]

[8-65] [*Relative to Soldiers who died of Small-Pox, 1761.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governor & Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New Hampshire the Honble His Majesty's Council and House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly Convened the Eighteenth Day of February 1761

The Humble Petition of the Select Men of Newmarket in said province Shews—That Lieut Samuel Baldwin and David Doe Returning Home from the Army was taken Sick of the

Small Pox of which they Both Died which has been Vary Expensive to the parish of said Newmarket Lieut Samuel Baldwin in his Sickness Cost the parish three Hundred Ninty four pounds twelve Shilling and Six pence old tenor

and David Doe's Expence is one Hundred twenty Eight Pounds three Shillings old tenor

Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray that in your Great Wisdom and Goodness you would Remitt the above Sums to the Parish of said Newmarket and your petitioners as in Dutey bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Hubartus Neal
John Burleigh } Select men
Peter Folsom

[The town was allowed £20, 18, 2½ sterling. The following is a copy of the bill for necessaries furnished in Baldwin's case :]

[S–66]

Decr 22 1760 The Select men of Newmarket Dr to John mead for attending Samuel Baldwin Sick with the Small pox

to Quart of wine and Butter at 69*s* 6*d*	£3– 9–6
to meat Sass and Butter at 108*s* 6*d*	5– 8–6
to Candels at 32*s*	1–12–0
to Rum Suger and Sider at 101*s*	5– 1–0
To meat Brad and Sass 1 Lb of Suger at	7– 8–0
To 2 Quarts of Rum 3 Lb of Suger at 104*s*	5– 4–0
To Bread Honey and Rum at 33*s*	1–13–0
To 2 Quarts of Rum meat and Bread 110*s*	5–10–0
To 2 Lb of Suger 2 Lb of Butter at 52*s*	2–12–0
To pork and Turnops 20*s*	1– 0–0
To meat and Sider at 140*s*	7– 0–0
To Rum and Suger at 91*s*	4–11–0
To wine tea Sope and a Laman at 126*s*	6– 6–0
To Rum Suger and Sider	5– 0–0
To meat Bread and Sass 93*s*	4–13–0
To 3lb of Suger at 36*s*	1–16–0
To Rum and Biscak at	1– 5–0
To Rum and Suger at 103*s*	5– 3–0
To Beaf pork and Sass at 130*s*	6–10–0
To Beef pork and Sass at 36*s*	1–16–0
To Suger and Sider at 36*s*	1–16–0
To Bread and milk at	1– 4–0
To Sope Candels Cider and Rum at 91*s*	4–11–0
To meal Sider and Sass at 25*s*	1– 5–0

To Rum Suger and Sope at 107*s*	5– 7–0
To meat Bread Sass Cider &c at 118*s*	5–18–0
To Suger and Cider at 36*s*	1–16–0
To Cheas meat Bread Sass and Suger	6– 3–0
To wood Rum pork and Beef at	10– 8–0
To Suger and Butter at 30*s*	1–10–0
Febeuary 14th 1761 old tenor	£122–16–0

Errors Excepted

per John Mead

[Sworn to before Thomas Young, Justice of the Peace.]

NEWPORT.

The township was granted, Oct. 6, 1761, to Nathaniel Fish and others in sixty-eight equal shares. The grantees were residents of Killingworth, Conn., and vicinity, and the first settlers, six in number, came from that place in 1765, cleared some land, sowed it with rye, and in the fall returned and spent the winter in Connecticut. They came to Newport again in June, 1766, five of them bringing their families, and made permanent settlements. Not being able to fulfil the conditions of the grant, the grantees applied to the governor and council for an extension, which was granted Feb. 2, 1769.

Newport was made the shire town on the formation of Sullivan county in 1827, and has so remained ever since.

Mrs. Sarah Josepha (Buel) Hale, a writer of distinction, and for many years the editor of a magazine called *Godey's Lady's Book*, published in Philadelphia, was a native of this town.

Newport did its full share in the Revolution, and in the war for the suppression of the Slaveholders' Rebellion, and is at present one of the prosperous towns of the state.

[8–75]

The Names of the Men Sojourning and Residing at Shugar River and their Improvements

Benjamin Davis 4 acres
James Powers 5 acres
Nehemiah McNeill 6 acres
John mash 6 acres
Moses Sparford 6 acres
John Lines 7 acres

By His Excellencys order

Nehemiah McNeill

[Moses Spafford afterward resided in Claremont. There is nothing in the original to indicate what town these men belonged to.—Ed.]

[8–76] [*Petition for a new Grant of the Township, 1768.*]

Province of New Hamp^{r}

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captain, General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire and Vice Admiral of the Same in Council—

The Petition of Stephen Wilcox of Killingsworth in the Colony of Connecticut Gentlemen, unto your Excellency and the Honble Council Humbly shews—

That your Petitioner and the other Grantees of the township of Newport, have been at incredible Expence in bringing forward the Settlement of said Township, which is well known to the Neighbouring Settlers; Your Petitio^{rs} have laboured under such Discouragements for want of Roads and the Necessaries of Life &c that they have scarce been able to withstand their Troubles, which Y^{r} Petitioner sett forth in his Petition exhibited the 5th of October 1768 in behalf of Himself & the other Grantees & prayed that they might be assisted by the Nieghbouring Towns in laying out Roads: To his & their great Surprize they have heard that Reuben Kidder Esqr of New Ipswich, hath preferr'd his Petition for obtaining the Non Residents Rights in said Township, which Petition we beg Leave to represent unto your Excellency & Honours is both unreasonable and unjust especially in said Kidder who already owns more Land than he can conveniently settle, and would strive to enrich himself with the Monies expended by many poor People who have cheerfully contributed & payd their Taxes and Labour in forwarding the Settlement—They hope greater Indulgence and from your Excell^{cy} known Candor towards Encouragement of Industry they doubt not to obtain

your further favrs by regranting to all the former Grantees ye Continuance of their Rights under a New Charter, Your Petitioners will readily pay the Expences of the Survey, when they are duely informed of the Cost thereof: They rely on Your Excellencys Favours and as in Duty bound he and they shall ever pray—

Portsmo Decr 3d 1768.

Stephen Wilcocks in behalf of Himself & the other Grantees of the Township of Newport

[The time for complying with the conditions of the charter was extended Feb. 2, 1769.—Ed.]

[8-77] [*Return of Ratable Polls.*]

Agreeable to A request Sent us by General Assembly of Sending them the Numbers of Male Polls of Twenty one Years of age And upwards that Pay for them selves apolle Tax Wee have Proceeded agreeable to said Request & Wee find the Number to Be Eighty Nine Male polles that pay for themselves A polle Tax Test—

Jedh Reynolds, Ezra Parmele, Jesse Willcocks } Select men of Newport

Newport December the 8th day 1783

[Sworn to before Moses Whipple, Justice of the Peace.]

[8-79] [*Petition to have the Proceedings of a Town-Meeting legalized, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honble the Council and Assembly Convien'd at Concord on the 2d Tuesday in June 1783—

May it please Your Honrs

Your Petitioners in behalf and at the desire of the Inhabitants of the Town of Newport in full Town Meeting Assembled humbly Shew that thro' their inadvertence and other reasons concuring they are in an unhappy situation with respect to their Collecting the remaining part of the Taxes due to the State which we Suppose tis in your honrs power and yours only to grant us relief, for true it is yr Petitioners did not know till

lately that there was a Necessity for Town Inhabitants to take the Oath of Fidelity in order to their being legally quallified to Vote in Town Meetings, and as they have of late so if it is Necessary in future they are willing to Conform but as some of the Inhabitants in this Town Excuse themselves and refuse to pay the outstanding Taxes, by reason our Town Meetings were not warned according to Law i : e : our Select Men had not taken the Oath of Fidelity and consequently our Town-Officers were not Legally Chosen, We therefore pray Y^r Hon^rs to Establish all our Town Meetings untill this time which would have been legal in case the Oath of Fidelity had never been Enacted and that they may be held legall to all Intents and purposes whatsoever as they might or could have been before said Oath of Fidelity became a Law of this State, or Otherwise in your wisdom as it may Seem meet Enable your Petitioners to Collect the remaining part of the Taxes due by this Town to the State and Y^r Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Jed^h Reynold, Ezra Parmele, Jesse Willcocks } Select Men in behalf & for the Town of Newport

Newport May 29th 1783

[8–78] [*Remonstrance to the foregoing.*]

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of Newhampshire Convened at Concord the Second Tuesday June Instant

The Remonstrance and Petition of the Under-signers Humbly Sheweth that the Proceedings of the town of Newport have for a Considerable time past been Illegal and Unjust. Illegal because they have Acted directly Opposite to an Act passed by the General Assembly of this State : which Act imposeth an Oath of Fidelity upon the Subjects of this State. Unjust because of Votes that have been passed in town-meetings, by a Small part of the Inhabitants of s^d town, in particular their proceedings in Calling and Settling a minister ; and thereby disposing of publick Land, (for the particular Circumstances of the matter we would refer your honours to a certain Objection Laid before the Revd Council Met at Newport for the purpose of Ordaining Mr John Remele the 21st day of January Last herewith presented) We your Humble Petitioners therefore think it Expedient for the Peace and welfare of the town to lay the Matter before your Honourable Body humbly Praying your Interposition on our behalf that the Late

Illegal and Unjust proceedings of this town may not be Established by your Honourable body and we have that trust and Confidence in our Legislators as not to think they will confirm any proceedings So unreasonable and unjust; and that no petition for that purpose may be granted—We would inform that at a town-meeting after a Considerable debate, the body of the people considering the meeting of no Validity withdrew; after which about Nine or ten Voted to send a petition to the general Assembly for the afore^{sd} purpose of Establishing their proceedings,—

but we would Submit the Whole Matter to your Candour and Uprightness—

We humbly Request that your honours would give us directions for a Regular town-meeting that we may again Enjoy peace and good Order—

Dated at Newport this 5th day of June 1783—

Signers to the Above—

Abijah Windes	Benajan Church	Giles Kelcey
Bejamin Bragge	Samuel Church	William Haven
Reuben buel	Richard Goodwin	Elias Metcalf
Robert Lane	Aaron Buel	Jonathan Wakefield
Benjamin Miller	Phinehas Chapin	Nathan wardwell
Thomas Lane	John Lane	Jeremiah Jenks
Stephen Parry	Jesse Lane	Daniel Buel
Jonathan Comstock	John Megregory	Simon Buel
Gorden Buel	Daniel Chapin	Solomon Davis
Jeremiah Kelsey	James Church	

[Rev. John Remele was ordained Jan. 22, 1783, and dismissed Feb. 10, 1791.—Ed.]

[8–81] [*Action relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

State of New-Hampshire Cheshire County ss.

Newport Novr 20th 1786

Agreable to a requisition of the Hon^{rbl} Assembly of said State bearing date Septr 14th 1786

The plan drawn by a Sub-Comm^{tt} for Emitting Paper Money &c, being read in a Legal Meeting appointed for the purpose that the Inhabitants of said Town may shew their minds respecting the same, when for farther consideration after Choos-

ing a Comm^{tt} to consider and make report the Meeting was Adjourned to the 4 day of Decr Met according to Adjournment, and

Voted Unanimously not to Accept the report above referr'd to, but reject the whole thereof, the Number of Voters N° 96

The report of the Comm^{tt}

But we are Humbly of opinion that if the Hon^{bl} Assembly in their great Wisdom should grant, that the Possessors of State Securities may draw out of the Treasury office if they see cause, Certificates equal to the Amount of their demand or any part of the same, and that said Certificates, shall be Accepted in the Treasury at all times for State Taxes it would be an Advantage to the Inhabitants of the State in general but we Humbly Submit to Y^{r} Superior Wisdom this and all other Matters belonging to the Legislature.

Benj^{a} Giles
Joshua Warner
Jesse Lane
Jeremiah Jenks
Ezra Pamley
} Comm^{tt}

Voted that the report of the Comm^{tt} be accepted and it was Voted Nem : Con :

the Number of Votors N° 96

Certify P^{r} us—

Aaron Buel
Samuel Church
Jesse Lane
} Select men for Newport

[For action of the legislature, see Vol. XI, p. 130.—Ed.]

[R. 3-57] [*Concerning Service in the Revolution.*]

State of New Hampshire

The Honble the Council and House of Representatives at Exeter Conven'd April the 14th 1784,

Benjamin Giles in behalf and at the request of the Select-Men of the Town of Newport Humbly Sheweth

Your Petitioners ever since the opposition by the United States against Great Brittain have willingly and readily complied with all the requisitions made by Government for Sol-

diers, and were at great Expence beyond their ability being an infant Town that Early in the year 1778, the Town had their Quota of Men Enlisted some for three years and some during the War. James Doud one of said Number was Enlisted during the War, as may appear by Lieut. Willm Hutchins Certificate Exhibited herewith. when the Regiments were reduced, the Quota of Newport was four Men. We immediately upon the requisition hired three Men, and said Doud made the fourth, and we never knew nor had the least Suspicion of being deficient, untill an Extent came against the Town for our whole Quota upon which sending to the Com^{tt} on Claims, found said Doud turned over to the Town of Weare Altho the town of Newport was at considerable Cost to get said Doud Enlisted and paid him £50 beside, and as said Doud was Enlisted by Newport, and they never having any knowledge of Claim made by any other Town, Except as above recited, Your Petitioners Pray Y^{r} Hon^{rs} to grant such relief as you in your Wisdom Shall see Meet, and suffer not the poor Town of Newport to be oppressed, who comply'd with their duty and never had opportunity to make good their just and honest Claim

And as in Duty bound shall: &C

Benj Giles in behalf of the

Select-Men of Newport

[R. 3–58]

White Plains September 9th 1778

These may Certify all persons whome it may or shall Consern that I James Doud for and in Consideration of Fifty pounds to me in hand well and truly paid to me in hand by Constant Hart of Charlestown in Behalf of the town of Newport in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire for Ingaging as a Soldier in the Continental army for said town of Newport—These are Therefore to Certify that I have Inlisted in Capt. Nathaniel Huchins Company in Colo. Cillies Regiment Newhampshire forces Dureing the war for the town of Newport as above said and will Indevour Faithfully to Serve as far as is in my Power untill Legally Discharged as witness my hand the day and date as above said

In presence of
Gilbert Caswell
Willm Hodgkins

James Doud

[In H. of Rep., April 16, 1784, the town was credited for said Doud.—Ed.]

NEWTON.

This town was granted Dec. 6, 1749, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants, and named New Town, the derivation of which is obvious. Capt. Joseph Bartlett was appointed by the governor and council to call the first meeting. Documents relative to the formation of the town may be found in Vol. IX. The southern boundary of the town as chartered was to begin at the south-west corner of South Hampton, on "the Curve Line that is the Northern Boundary of our Province of the Massachusetts Bay and bounding on the Said Curve Line & running on the same South West nine degrees West one mile then South 28° West (by said Curve Line) one mile to Haverhill Line at a Place called Brandy Brow."

The boundary line between this town and South Hampton was established by an act passed Jan. 4, 1772.

July 2, 1845, a tract of land was severed from East Kingston and annexed to this town.

July 10, 1846, the name of the town was changed from Newtown to Newton.

[8–84] [*Thomas Walter Powers ordained, 1755.*]

To all Saints of every denomination even the whole Family of the faithfull & unto all in Civil Authority whom it may Concern wishing all Increase of Grace, and all Temporal good—

Know Ye that we the Subscribers elders of Several Churches of Christ in this Land of the Baptis denomination &c, upon the request & desire of Thomas Walter powers of New town in the Province of New Hampshire and a number of Saints with him in that place, & the neighb'ring towns have by our elders, & Messengers Examined their articles of Faith, & Church Constitution, as well as the Gifts, & Qualifications of the said Powers and finding their faith & principles sound & Aurthodox, & the said Powers endowed with gifts and Qualifications required for a Gospel minister we have after Seeking to Almighty God by prayer & as we apprehend obtained divine Light in the Case sit apart & ordained the said powers unto the Pastoral office in that place, & do receive that people with their Pastor into our Communion, & Fellowship, & have injoined to watch over them as members of the mystical body of Christ with our selves, & do declare them an Organnick Church in this Community believing that in whatsoever measure the said

Power hath been entangled with any error or with any erroneous Persons in any evil Conduct that the Lord hath Graciously delivered them from the same, & we hereby do recommend him to God, & the Power of his grace as a fellow Labourer in the Kingdom, & patience of Jesus Christ praying that he & we may be more & more delivered from all evil, and enabled to walk in the truth of the Gospel &c—

Given under our hands this 10th day of June AD 1755—

Stephn Babcock pastor of the Chh of Christ in Stonington, & Westerly in Union

Thos Wells Pastor of the Church of Christ, in the Town of Westerly in Kings County & Colony of R Island

James Rogers pastor of the Church of Christ in South Kingstown in the County, and Colony abovesd Peter Werden pastor of a Church of Christ in Warwick in the County of Kent & Colony aforesaid, Benjn Peirce Pastor of a Church of Christ in Warwick in the County aforesaid—

A True Copy attt H Wentworth Clr

Copy Examind per Geo: Jaffrey Clr

[This was the first Baptist church established in New Hampshire.—Ed.]

[8–82] [*Bounds of a Highway, 1747.*]

The Return of A Highway Persuent to a Petison to us Directed Signed by Gidien Bartlet and others to ye Number of Twenty Wee Have Bounded a Highway as followeth viz begining at ye Countery Road leading from Sweets ferry to kingstown on the north west Side of a Farm laid out to Jarrett Hadden Said Way Being Bounded With a Stake and Stones on ye South east Side ajasent to sd Farm thence Runing North Easterly four Rods in wedth ajasent to sd Farm till it Comes to a Stake and Stones Standing four Rods South weste of a White Pine which is ye westerly bounds of a Farm laid out to George martin ye sd Pine being a bound on ye north east of sd Way and thence the said way Runs South easterly four Rods in Wedth ajasent to the Farm laid out to George Martin till it Comes to a White oak at ye South Corner of ye sd martins Farm

Dated october ye 29th 1747

Richard Collins } Select men for
Samuel Collins } South Hampton District

A true Coppy taken of South Hampton District Book of Records

Attest Richard Collins Clerk for ye District

[8–83] [*Relative to Road laid out, 1699.*]

To the Select men of Salsbury and almsbury District Namly m^r^ Samuel Collings Richard Collings and william Rowell the Petition of us the Subscribers humbly Sheweth that in the year 1698/9 a committee of the town of Almsbury layd out and Bounded a lot or farm to one Garret Hadden Being the 18th lot in number and S^d^ Committee then Bounded the S^d^ lot on three Sides on high ways that is northwest north East and South East and the S^d^ lot or farm have always Been under Stood to be So bounded and the S^d^ ways to Remain as a privelidg to the S^d^ lot or farm and your Petitioner Gideon Bartlett having Bought the north East part of S^d^ lot and Settled himself ajoyning the way on that Side pleased himself that he Should have a way to pass and Repass in But So it is that henary Bagley and david Bagley haveing lands on the opposite Side of Sd way have presumed to joyn their fences to the fence of your Petitioner Gideon and their by for these Seven years last past Deprived your petitioner Gideon of that Privelidg of a way which he and all man kind ought to have wherefore your Petitioners pray that you will as soon as may be Proceed to bound out Peticuearly the ways on the northwest and north East Sides of Sd lot or farm that your petitioner Gideon may be in away to take eney further Regular Steps to have an open way to pas and Repass two and from his dwelling house and your Petitioners as in duty Bound Shall ever Pray &c dated at Salsbury and almsbury district April the first 1747

Gideon Bartlett	Eliphelet hoyt	John martin
Joseph Bartlett	Jeames Paslee	Stephen martin
Daniel kelley	Peter Colby	Thomos davis
Thomos Beedle	Nathan Peaslee	Moses Sanders
David Paslee	Moses Carlton	amos davis
John Peaslee	John Paslee Juner	Moses Davis
Joseph Peaslee	Samuel Hadly	
moses Peaslee	Enoch Brown	

[8–86] [*Action of Town-Meeting relative to Highways, 1755.*]

monday November the 3^d^ 1755 the Inhabitants of Newtown being mett at the meeting House the meeting was opened and mr Moses Charlton was Chosen modrator of s^d^ meeting at the same meeting the foregoing Return was Red and it was put to vote to see whether the town would allow of and accept of the fore mentioned Highway and Return as now Red to them and voted in the affimetive and the meeting was adjourned till tues-

day ye Eighteenth day of november instant at one of the clock after noon at the meeting house in said town tuesday november the Eighteenth 1755 the Inhabitance of Newtown being mett upon adjournment at the meeting House at the same meeting Timothy Lankester Enters himself Contridicent to and decenting from the fore going vote at the same meeting it was voted to see if the town would Give up in Exchange to Capt Moses sargent & Capt stephen sargent that part of a Reserve of a High way Lying between their Land and charls sargents Land for the fore mentioned two Rod way through their Land and voted in the affimetive at the same meeting Gideon Bartlet Esqu^r^ and Joseph Bartlet and Gershom Bartlet Enter them selves contridicent to and decenting from the Last foregoing vote at the same meeting it was voted to see if the town would Give up in Exchange to Andrew Whittier and Timothy Whittier that part of a Reserve of a High way Lying Between their Land and charls sargents Land for satisfaction to them for the fore mentioned two Rod way through their Land and voted in the affirmetive at the same meeting it was voted to see if the Town would give up in Exchange to Henry Bagley and Corn^ll^ Jonathan Bagley & to Ens David Bagley two Rods in wedth of that High way that Lyeth Between their Land and Land of Gideon Bartlett Esqu^i^ (that is two Rods in wedth on the north side of said way next to their Land from the white oak bound next to Samuel Jewells Land up to the white pine) for satisfaction to them for the fore mentioned two Rod high way through their Land and voted in the affirmetive at the same meeting Gideon Bartlet Esqu^i^ Joseph Bartlet & Gershom Bartlet and stephen Bartlet and Timothy Lankester Enter themselves Contridicent to and decenting from the Last fore going vote at the same meeting it was voted to see if the town would Give up in Exchange to Charls Chase that part of a Reserve of a High way Lying Between his Land and Land of Samuell Jewell in Satisfaction to him for the fore mentioned two Rod High way through his Land and voted in the affirmetive at the same meeting Gideon Bartlet Esqu^i^ Joseph Bartlet and Gershom Bartlet & Stephen Bartlet Enter them selves Contridicent to and decenting from this Last foregoing vote

at the same meeting it was voted to give to Joseph Bartlet and Gershom Bartlet twenty pounds (old tener) for the forementioned two Rod High way through their Land voted in the affirmetive at the same meeting it was voted to alow and give to Timothy Lankester forty pounds (old tener) for the fore mentioned two Rod High way through his Land voted in the affirmetive

a true copy taken out of Newtown Records as attest William Rowell town Clerk

[8–85] [*Relative to Highways, 1755.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Captain General & Governour in Chief in and over his Majesties Province of New Hampshire—and to the Honourable his Majesteis Council and the Honourable House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly Convened Decem^{br} 1755

The Petition of Joseph Peaslee William Rowell & Aaron Currier Selectmen of New Town in Said Province in Behalf of Said Province Humbly Sheweth—

That Some years past when Said Town was Cald & Accounted part of Amsbury the Said Town of Amsbury Granted & divided ye Lands now Called New Town to & amongst a Number of their Proprietors & in laying out & dividing the same some Lands were left or Reserved for highways—and those Reserves were never Viewd & marked out Nor used for highways but were left between lots as their lines run through Low Sunken lands and Swamps where there is no Possability of having Good roads and the People of ye town used to pass and repass upon upland More Convenient for highways. And the Town of New Town finding it Necessary have laid out Suitable & Convenient highways near as may be to ye other & in Such manner as that no mans Lott is Cutt off from a Convenient Public Road & have Ordered the Persons whose lands are taken up for highways to have Some part of ye lands reserved as before Mentioned for highways in Recompence for their lands now taken which is to ye General Content and Satisfaction of ye Town & Neighbourhood & Injury to no Man but much more Commodious & Beneficial for ye Public—

But So it is that Gideon Bartlet Esqr Joseph Bartlet Gershom Bartlet all of Said Town who own lands Adjoyning to a Certain peace reserved as aforesaid for away where it is hardly capable of being made Good & where they themselves cannot be Proffited by it but rather hurt by it, Do unreasonably Oppose the Towns proceeding herein altho^{w} their lands are not thereby Cutt off from Some public open roads & high ways by what ye Town has done yet great uneasiness & disturbance to the Town is Occasioned by their Opposeing ye Towns proceeding as aforesaid and it is likely that more Troubles May arise thereby—wherefore to Prevent the Same—your Petitioners humbly pray—That Some Good & Suitable Persons understanding Such affairs May be appointed and Directed by this Honble Court to repair to ye place and View the Several highways & the lands reserved for high ways as aforesaid and report thereon to this Honble Court as they shall find ye Truth relating to ye Premisses and that this Honble Court will be pleased to Ratify

and Confirm what the Said Town of Newtown have done about & Concerning the Same—& yor Petit^{rs} shall Pray &c

Joseph peaslee
William Rowell

[In H. of Rep., January 14, 1756, Joseph Smith and Thomas Westbrook Waldron were appointed a committee to "view the several highways and report." The senate added John Downing. Their report follows.—Ed.]

[8-90] [*Report of the Committee.*]

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed the fourteenth and fifteenth of Jany Last by both Houses on the Petition of the Select-men of Newtown to View the Highways Reserves &c^{a}—therein refer'd to have in consequence of Said appointment been at Said Newtown taken a View of Said Roads & Reserves Also heard what the Said Select-men (Gideon Bartlet Esqr) & others mentioned in Said Petition had to offer on the affair & having considered of the Same together with the Papers relative thereto laid before us—

Do report as followeth viz—

That 'tis our opinion that it will be for the interest & conveniency of the Inhabitants of Said Town that the prayer of Said Petition should be granted which is Submissively offered.

Portsm^{o} Feb 24 1756 By

John Downing
Joseph Smith
Thos W^{k} Waldron } Committee

[The foregoing report was adopted by the legislature, Feb. 9, 1758.—Ed.]

[8-87] *Petition for opening a Highway.*]

Province of Newhampsher

Newtown Decr the 4th 1755 to mesurs Joseph Peasley william Rowel. and Aaron Currier Selectmen for Newtown in Sd province the Petisian of us the subscribers humbly sheweth that whereas there are divers highways or Reserves of land between the ffarms or Lots of several persons within Sd Town: Left or reserved for the use of the inhabitants and others for travelling &c as a highway or reserve beginning at the Country road Leading from kingstown to Swets ferry so Cald at the South end of the Long Casway so Cald: and running easterly between the farm origenelly Wm Barns on the north and Land

now in the possession of David Peasley and Charles Sargent on the south till it Coms to a pine tree at the west Corner of the ffarm origenelly Georg martin now in possession of the Baglys and then Sd way runs S° easterly between the ffarms of the Sd martin on the N° east and the ffarm of Garret Hadden on the S° west till it Coms to another highway or reserve running N° east between the ffarms of Sd martin on the n° west and ffarms of walter tailer and Gove on the S° east till it Coms to a white oak tree at the East Corner of Sd martins ffarm where the Sd way Coms nere South hampton line and meets with an other highway that leads N° easterly to an open road leeding to the trickling fals so Cald as also an other highway or reserve that runs from the highway between the farm of Sd martin on the n° west and the farms of walter Tailer and Gove on the S° east S° easterly between the ffarms of Sd gove on the n° East and the farm of walter tailer on the S° west till it Coms to an open road nigh the meeting house in Newtown above Sd all which ways or Reserves have for several years past been incumberd Shut up and Stopt to the grate dameag of the Publick in general as well as your humble petitions in perticuler wherefore we humbly Request that you will as soon as may lay open and Clear all Sd ways or Reserves within Sd toun as above mentioned and youl oblige your humble Petitioners as in duty bound shall Ever Pray

micah Hoyt	Cuting feavour	Daniel Goodwin
John Eliet iur	Gideon Bartlet	Nathaniel Colby
Philip Challis	Joseph Bartlet	Abraham Kimball
Gideon Colby	Garshom Bartlet	jeams George
Jonathan kimball	Stephen Bartlet	
Zebulon ferren	John Elliot	

[8–88] [This document is a crude plan of the highway, with the names of residents on it. Commencing at the west end, at the "Contry Road," the names are John Challis, Joseph and Gershom Bartlett, Moses and Stephen Sargent, Widow Merrill, Charles Sargent, Timothy Whittier, Andrew Whittier, David Bagley, Jonathan Bagley, Henry Bagley, Samuel Jewell, Charles Chase, and Timothy Lancaster. At the east end is the "Meeting hous."—Ed.]

[8–89] [*Inhabitants consent to action of the Selectmen, 1755.*]

Newtown January 2—1755

We the subscribers here by shew our consent to and acceptence of what the select men of sd newtown have Lately done

in Respect of the new high way Lately Laid out and also our Consent to what the town has done in giving up in Exchange some reserves of high ways in satisfaction for said new way

Andrew Whittier	Jacob Rowell	Samuel jewel ju
david bagley	Thomas his × mark greenfield	Thomas Bedel
Zaccheus his × mark Colby	Timothy Whittier	John Peaslee
Nathan Peaslee	nathaniel ash	Moses Carleton
Caleb his × mark hobbs	Charles Sargent	Nathaniel Peaslee
James Peaslee	henry bagley	David Peaslee
Christopher Rowell	Reuben hoyt	Nathan Hoag
	Samuel Jewel	Enoch Brown
		Moses Peaslee

[8–91] [*Petition of several Baptists to be exempt from being taxed for the support of the Congregational Church.*]

March 28 1764 To the inhabitants of Newtown met at the annual Meeting we whose names are hereunto annexed do Request that you would Exempt us from being taxed for the Support of the Congregational minister in this town for as much as we have attended the worship of God and the preaching of the Gospel in the Baptist Society and Paid our part for the Support of the Gospel there for a number of years Even from before the time that any Congregational Minister was Settled in this town and are Still bound in concience to do the same

ffrancis Chase	Timothy Whittier	Bennjamin Carter
Robert Stuart	Josiah fowler	Josiah fowler iuner
Andrew Whittier	John Carter	thomas Carter

at the annual Town meeting of the Town of Newtown Held at the meeting House march ye 28 1764 this petition was Laid Before the Town and Considered of and voted to see if the Town would Grant the petitioners their Request and the vote past in the negetive and the petition not granted

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[8–92] [*Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1768.*]

Province of New Hampshire

To John Peaslee Jur Constable for New town—Greeting—

You are hereby Required to warn the Inhabitants of said town Qualified for voteing to meet at ye Congregational meeting House in s^d^ Town on monday ye 15 : of august at 3 of y^e^

Clock in the after noon then when met: 1ly to Chuse a modrator: 2ly to see if the Town will (Exclusive of frinds & ye Church People) Pay the Cost which hath arose by Reason of the Babtis People being Rated to ye Congregational minister: 3ly to See if the town will Joyn with ye people which Live at ye East of the town Belonging to South Hampton and with the people on ye north west of the town Belong to kingstown and petition to ye General Court to be Enext to Newtown: 4ly to See if the Town will agree to Devide the town: 5ly to See if the Town will approve of what the Select men have Done in Stakeing out to Charls Chase two Rods of the way by ye Wd Jewell Land for a way across s^d^ Chases Land: fail not make due Return to us of this woran: with your doings at or before the Date above mentioned

Dated at Newtown agust ye first 1768

Joseph Peaslee } Select men
Francis Chase } for Newtown

[*Proceedings at aforesaid Meeting.*]

Province of New Hamp^h^

Persuant to a warant from ye Select men to me Derect I have warned ye Inhabitants of newtown as within mention^d^ per me John Peaslee Jur Constable for Newtown Dated at new town august ye 15: 1768

Province of New Hampshr

at a Leagal meeting ye Inhabitants of Newtown being met at ye Congregational meeting House on monday ye 15: of august A D 1768 the meeting being opened Cap David Bagly be modrator at the Same meeting the town appointed a Committee to See if they Could agree to Devide the town and ye meeting was adjourned to ye 1: of September ye 1: 1768 the Inhabitants of newtown being met according to adjournment Cap David Bagly being modrator at the same meeting the Committe Brought in their Report that they Could not agree at the Same meeting it was put to vote to petition to the General Court to Devide the Town and the vote pased in ye affirmative Instantly Joseph Peaslee James Peaslee moses Peaslee Francis Chase Nathan Hoag John Peaslee Juner Entred their decents against the Last vote its not being according to the warrant

a true Coppy taken out of Newtown town Book of Records as attest—

William Rowell town Clerk

[8–93] [*Proceedings at Town-Meeting, 1769.*]

A meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Newtown Held at the Congregational meeting House in s^d^ Town on monday ye 16th Day of october 1769 at the Same meeting voted that Captain William Rowell and Aaron Currier be a Committee to prefer a petition to the Great and General Court of s^d^ province in the name & Behalf of the Town Humbly to Request the said Court to Resolve and finely to Settle the affaire Respecting those persons in this town who Call themselves by the name of B aptis that it may be known : whether all those persons or any of them are by Law Exempted from paying toward the Support of the Congregational minister in this Town voted in the affirmative.

at the Same meeting voted that ye said William Rowell & Aaron Currier be a Committee to prefer a petition to ye said General Court in the name & Behalf of the Town for those persons who Live to the East of this Town (Belonging to South Hampton) who have a desire to Come to us that they may be annexed on to Newtown and the said Rowell and Currier are here by Impowered & Authorized to do the Same accordingly voted in the affirmative.

A true Coppey taken out of Newtown town Book of Records as attest—

William Rowell Town Clerk

[8–97] [*Trouble concerning a Town-Meeting, 1769.*]

[Petition of Moses Carleton and Gideon Bartlett, addressed to the General Assembly.]

The Petition of us the Subscribers for our Selves, and in behalf of the Major part of the Inhabitants of the Town of Newton in the s^d^ Province

Most Humbly Sheweth That at the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of the said Town on the 29th of March last for the Choice of Town officers, Matters were transacted by a Minor obstinate Party in such an Illegal Unjustifiable manner as was never heard of before in any Town in this Province, nor (perhaps) in any other on this Continent, to Convince Your Excy and Honors of the truth of which your Petitioners beg leave to relate (very briefly) the proceedings at the said Meeting—Vizt The Meeting was opened by the Constable Mr John Peasley Junr who nominated Mr Nathan Hoag for the Moderator who was Negatived, then the said Constable named, Mr Joseph

Peasly to be Moderator which also passed in the Negative It was then motioned and Seconded by numbers that the Constable should Nominate Mr Aaron Currier or Lieut Carleton, but he refused to do it and Nominated Mr Moses Peasley, who was also Negatived, a number then again Insisted upon the said Carleton or Currier's being put up for Moderator but the Constable a Second time refused to Nominate either of them—That after some time the said Constable again Nominated the said Joseph Peasley who is his Father and declared him to be chosen Moderator without putting the Negative Vote—which proceeding caused such a Tumult and Confusion that the vote was not recorded, Then it was Insisted upon that the officers should be Chosen by written votes—that the Select Men then declared they did not care who was Chosen for Moderator provided they would Chuse the Select Men as follows vizt One Quaker One Baptist and One Congregationalist—but that if they did not Choose 'em in that manner they would purge the House—after which Esqr Bartlett Nominated Lieut Carleton for Moderator and desired that those who were for him would draw to the fore door wch as they were doing the Constable again suddenly nominated the said Joseph Peasly and declared him chosen Moderator and he took his Seat accordingly altho' besides those within there was near 30 at the Door who held up their hands in the Negative and would have made a Majority had they been Counted but this was not permitted—Then the Select Men read the names of those who they said were qualified Voters—and said they would not allow of any others to vote—the People not contented with this rule put their votes into the Hatt, but those that were suspected not to vote as the Select Men would have 'em, had their votes thrown out of the hatt Thus the Meeting was purged of the Major part of the Qualified Voters in the Town while persons of little or no Substance but in the same side with the Select Men were by them declared Qualified Voters—whereupon the Major part of the Town greatly displeased at these violent Arbitrary proceedings left the Meeting, which was carried on but by few of the Inhabitants consisting Chiefly of Quakers & Schemers who if suffered to go on in such Tyrannical measures will entirely Subvert and Destroy the Peace and Quiet of the s^d^ Town

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly request that your Excellency and Honours would be pleased to make a Strict Enquiry into the proceedings at s^d^ Town Meeting, and if (as we doubt not but they will) they shall appear Illegal and Unjust, that you will as such set aside all the Votes and proceedings of the said Meeting, and Impower the Town to convene together for the Choice of their Town Officers for the Present Year and y^t^ you would be pleased to appoint some Indifferent Person for

a Moderator—And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray &c

Portsmouth April 3[d] 1769—

Moses Carleton
Gideon Bartlett

[8–98] [*Committee appointed to Petition the Legislature.*]

We the Subscribers inhabitants of Newtown in the Province of Newhampshire Being Dissatisfied with the Proceedings of the Select men & Some Other of the inhabitants of s[d] town at our Annual Meeting held March 29th 1769—Do Hereby Constitute & appoint Leut Moses Carleton & Gideon Bartlet as a Committee to make Aplication on our behalf to the General Court of s[d] Province that we may have a redress of our Grevencies by Being Restored to former Prevelidges—

Newtown March 30th 1769—

David Elliot	Richard Bartlet	micah Hoyt
Benj[a] Hoyt	David Bagly	Thomas Greenfield
Stephen Bartlet	abraham Colby	Joseph Bartlet
Samuel Hoit	Ruban Hoyt	Timothy Favour
Nicholas Colby	Zacches Colby	Phinehas ash
Jacob Rowell	Ephriam Colby	Nathanel ash
John Currier	Timothy Gorge	Isaac Elliot
Thomas Gould	Jonathan Kimball	zebediah Hoyt
Joseph Elliot	Roger Esman	William Rowell
Thomas Elliot	Stephen Esman	Junur
Nathaniel Colby	Jonathon watson	John favour
Jonathan ferrin	Timothy Elliot	Daniel morss
aquiler ferrin	Thomas Colby	Noah Seargent
Daniel Colby	Thomas Colby Juner	Samuel Seargent
David Currier	David Goodwin	Philip Seargent
Aaron Currier	Samuel Goodwin	Barzella Colby
moses Currier	Gideon Bartlet	David Sargent
mathias Bartlet	Ellifelet Bartlet	Cutting favour

[8–96] [*Deposition of Benjamin Morse, relative to a Town-Meeting, 1769.*]

The Deposition of benjamin morss of amesbury of Lawfull age testifieth & saith that he was at y[e] Anuel town meeting of the town of newtown in y[e] province of Newhampshire march y[e] 29th 1769 for the Choice of town officers & on oppening y[e] meeting there was two Strong partues one partue was m[r] Ames

hearers the other partue ye Quakers & Churchmen & m^r^ hoveys herers & the Constable John peaslee who was on ye Quakers partue nominate Nathan hoag for a moderator for s^d^ meeting he was nagatived by a majority of voters then Joseph peslee was nagatived as a moderator and several others of that partue wear nagatived as moderators & wear all nagatived by a majority of voters then I heard Some of mr ames partue desire ye Constable John peslee to put up Som of their partue namly Leut moses Carlton for a moderator and others of that partue he Refuse or neglects to do it & further ye Deponant says he heard Som of mr ames partue Desiere the house might vote for a moderator Soon after I herd Esqr bartlett Desire ye people who ware for having Leut moses Carlton to be moderator to go out at ye fore Door of ye meeting house & on that I See ye people Rushing out of ye Door hastily & before they wear all out I turned my hed tords ye Quakers & ye other partue & See their hands up which I thought was for a moderator on that I heard a grate Storr abrod & See ye peopl of mr ames partue returning in to ye meeting house apace & holding up their hands as I Soposed against ye other partue vote for a moderator & I heard ye Quakers partue Declare Joseph peaslee moderator on that I Se Joseph peslee take ye Seat as a moderator & further I heard Sum of ye Quakers partue ask mr John peaslee who was a Quaker why he Did not vote amongst them he Replyed Like an onest man tho he was a Quaker & on their partue he Replyed to them he thought ye meeting was not Reguler he would not vote till they ware more Reaguler the Deponant further says he dont Remember he Ever Saw so Ereguler meeting & further says not

Benjamin Morss

[Sworn to before Isaac Merrill of Amesbury, April 20, 1769.]

[8-99] [*Depositions relative to Illegal Proceedings in Town-Meeting.*]

The Depossien of Enoch Chase & Ebenezer Sargent both of Amesbury of Lawfull age Testify & say that they Being at ye Town meeting in Newtown in New hampshire on ye Last wednesday of march Last Being ye 29 Day of s^d^ month & when we first wint into ye meeting house where ye people ware gathered together & they preposed two men for a moderator & agreed to Devide ye house & one part to moove out at ye fore Door & ye other to goo out at ye west Door and a great part of ye people who Belong to mr ames went out at ye fore Door and as soon as they ware out and a going out ye other party Staying in ye meeting House some Body ye s^d^ Sargent says it was John

peaslee son to Joseph peaslee put up Joseph peaslee for a modrator while ye other party was out and going out of ye meeting house and ye party that was within Chose s^d^ peaslee moderator as they Declared Contrary to ye Minds of ye other party and s^d^ peaslee took ye place of moderator and ordered ye people to Bring in there voats for a Town Clark those who ware Qualifyed to vote for they had goot a List of who ware Qualifyed and as ye peaple were Bringing in their votes mattheas Bartlet offere his vote and ye modrator Drew Back his hat and Refused his vote and Several others who offered their vots and was Denied by ye modrator and ye s^d^ Sargent farth Sayeth that ye modrator turned up his hat wherein ye votes ware without asking whether they ware all in and Some of them Sayd that they had not put in their vote and perticuler Joseph Bartlet Esqr and they further say that ye modrator took out sevarall votes out of ye hat Layd them on ye table and after he had Counted them he said that Francis Chase was Chosen Town Clark and as he Lifted up his arm we saw severall votes which was unted his arm not Counted and further sayeth not

Dated april 15 : 1769

Enoch Chase
Ebenezer Sargent

[In H. of Rep., April 21, 1769, the proceedings of the aforesaid meeting were declared illegal and void ; and Meshech Weare was authorized to call a meeting and act as moderator of the same until the business was finished.—Ed.]

[8–100] [*Relative to Trouble between the Churches, 1770.*]

[Petition of William Rowell and Aaron Currier, addressed to the General Assembly.]

The humble Petition of William Rowell and Aaron Currier both of Newton in said Province as Agents for said Town Shews—

That a number of the Inhabitants of said Town have seperated from the Congregation of public Worship in said Town as settled by Law of the Province and have gathered a seperate Assembly with the assistance of some Persons from other places and built a Meeting-house calling themselves Baptists and refuse to pay the Taxes made for the support of the Minister of said Town pleading the exemption by the Province Law—On which many Lawsuits have been prosecuted which have had various issues and been very expensive—That the other

Inhabitants of said Town have offered to set them off or to consent to it that they might be a seperate Parish or District and have no connection with the other part of said Town which they refuse and they joining with the Quakers make a Majority so controul the public Affairs of the Town that they are often put to difficulty to get a Vote for raising the Charges of their Minister's Support

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the said Baptists may be set off entirely from said Town and have nothing to do with them or that they may by a Law for that purpose be rated according to their abilities to all charges as well to the support of the Minister as any other and the part they pay to the latter be given to them to support their own mode of Worship or grant such other relief to your Petitioners and their Constituents as in your great Wisdom and goodness you shall judge proper and they shall ever pray &c

William Rowell
Aaron Currier

[Petition of Phillips White, Abel Brown, and Moses French, addressed to the General Assembly.]

The Petition of us the Subscribers being a Committee chosen for the Town of South-Hampton most humbly sheweth

That the said Town of South Hampton suffer great Inconveniencies for want of a Line settled and established between the said Town of South Hampton and the Town of Newtown there being more than twenty persons in said South Hampton which claim to belong to Newtown part of whom might be as well accommodated by being joined to South Hampton and a number more of South Hampton that might be as well accommodated by being joined to Newtown. Your Petitioners therefore pray a Line may be settled between the said Towns in such a manner as not to enlarge the one at the expence of the other but to make both equal to what they now are and that a Committee may be appointed to enquire into the circumstances of the case and report such a Line as may effect the purposes aforesaid. And your Petitioners as they are in duty bound will every pray &c

Phillips White
Abel Brown
Moses French

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 3, 1771, the parties were heard on the foregoing, and a committee, consisting of "Daniel Peirce Esq. Capt. John Giddinge & Doctor Ebenezer Thompson" was appointed to "settle the line between the

said Towns in such place as shall appear to them proper." The following is their report :—Ed.]

Province of New Hampshire, April 24th 1771.

Pursuant to the within appointment the subscribers have viewed the Towns of South Hampton and Newtown and heard what each party thought fitt to offer on the subject matter of their dispute and after mature deliberation and consideration do agree to report that a line fixed in the manner hereafter described will be Equitable, and more satisfactory to both Towns than any other that can at present be established, and therefore beg leave to recommend to confirmation of the same which is as follows Viz. Beginning at the Province line at a place called and known by the name of Pond Brook thence westerly on the North side of the Highway that leads to Philip Curriers dwelling House until it comes to said Philip Curriers land thence Northerly on the line between said Philip Currier and Challis Curriers land to the Highway that leads towards said Challis Currier's House. Thence Northerly on the westerly side of said Highway until it comes to land belonging to Lieut. Thomas Tewksbury thence Southerly and westerly by said Tewksbury land and land of the said Challis Currier and land of the Widow Judith Currier until it comes to the Highway near Charles Collins House Thence Northeasterly on the East side of the Highway that leads to Bugsmore Hill (so called) until it comes opposite to the Northeasterly corner of Jonathan Kimballs Land thence across said road westerly between said Kimballs Land and land of the afores[d] Lieut. Thomas Tewksbury and between said Kimballs land and land belonging to the heirs of Timothy Bagley Deceased until it comes to the road that leads to Aspen hill (so called) thence Northerly on the Easterly side of said road until it comes opposite to the Northeasterly corner of Aaron Curriers Land thence across said road and running Northwesterly by s[d] Aaron Curriers Land until it comes to Kingston line.

The charge of the Committee to be paid Equally by the two Towns.

D. Peirce
John Giddinge
Ebenezer Thompson } Committee

[The foregoing report was adopted, and the line established by the legislature.—Ed.]

[8–102] [*Relative to the Assessment of Taxes, 1777.*]

Att a Leagall meeting held at Newtown at the Congrega-

tional meeting on the third Day of February ye 1777 att the same meeting voted that the Select men Do Essess the inhabitants of said town agrable to that part of the Presept Reciv'd from Nicholas Gilman Esqr tresuery to the velleu of Seventeen pounds five Shillings as Demanded by s^d^ Presept 2ly voted that the twelve pounds mentioned in said presept under the pretence of its Being a Debt Deu from this town to a former Congress in our oppinion is unjustly Charged against said town therefore: 3ly voted that the Select men of said town are hearby forbid assasing the inhabitants of said town for the s^d^ twelve pounds or any part of the same and that the inhabitants of this Town will vindecate and bare harmless the Select men of said town in their obedience to these orders—

The above votes being Severill times Red and after Metuer Deleberation ware put and they past in ye affarmative by a Grate mejority at ye same meeting ye town voted that the Select men should aquant Nicholas Gilman Esqr Tresuery the proseedings of the above Resolves—

A True Coppey Samuel Hoit Town Clerk

[The twelve pounds was for the payment of services of Joseph Bartlett, as representative, whose right to a seat the town had contested. They succeeded in unseating him. See following:—Ed.]

[8–105]

To the hon^ble^ the House of Representatives for the State of New-Hampshire now sitting at Exeter Humbly Shew—

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Newton in said State, that at a late meeting held in said Town, for the Choice of a Person to represent said Town and Southhampton, in the General Assembly of said State the ensuing Year—One Stephen Bartlett was by a very small Majority, of the small number of Voters present, chosen to said Important Trust and has taken his seat accordingly; That for many Reasons we esteem him unqualified for that Place—more especially because he is not possessed of an Estate of the Value of two Hundred Pounds Lawful Money, as we understand each Member of said House should be—Wherefore we pray that his Seat in said house may be declared Vacant and that a Warrant may issue to said Towns, for a new Choice and as bound shall pray &c

Newton December the 19th 1776

Moses Carleton	Richard Bartlet
Mathias Bartlet	Ephraim Carter
thomas Carleton	John Elliot
matthias heath	Sargent Heath

[R. 3–59] [*Soldier's Order, 1784.*]

Newtown December the 14, 1784

To the Paymaster of the New Hampshire Six months men in 1781.

Sir, Please to pay Jn° Nicholls or order all that is due to me I having been a Six months man for the Town of Newton in in year 1781. Value Received Witness my hand

Attest

Lucy Blake
Dolly Harriman

thomas his × mark Colby

NORTHFIELD.

The township was set off from Canterbury, June 19, 1780, and incorporated by its present name probably because it comprised the north part of said town. This was done in answer to a petition from the inhabitants (see Vol. XI, p. 270), and in accordance with a vote of the town of Canterbury, passed March 18, 1779, which vote also provided that "Capt Josiah Miles, David Foster, Capt Edward Blanchard & En^{sn} Archelaus Miles be a committee to run a Line of division." The inhabitants met July 17, 1780, and elected their first town officers. Settlements were made here in 1760 by the Blanchards and others, and the town contained 349 inhabitants in 1786.

A portion of this town was severed by an act approved Dec. 24, 1828, combined with portions of Salisbury, Andover, and Sanbornton, and incorporated into the town of Franklin; but the same territory was reännexed to Northfield by an act approved July 3, 1830. The same territory was again severed from Northfield and annexed to Franklin, June 26, 1858.

June 27, 1861, lands of Samuel Heath and Edward Leighton were severed from this town and annexed to Franklin.

[8–106] [*Relative to first Town-Meeting, 1780.*]

Agreable to the Order of the Honble the General Assembly I Notified a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Northfield on the seventeenth of July last past when they met & chose Town Officers as the Law directs.

Portsmouth Octr 30th 1780 Abiel Foster

[R. 3-60] [*Petition of Thomas Lyford, Soldier.*]

To the Honb[l] Council and house of Representatives Now Sitting at Concord—

The Petition of Lieut Thomas Lyford of Northfield Humbly Sheweth that your memorialist early entered into the service of this State in the year 1775—and by order afterwards in the year 1777 was appointed Lieut in Major Whitcombs Core of Rangers and served in the same untill January 1781 when General Washington ordered the officers of said Core should Retire on half pay for life that your memorialist was ordered by said Whitcomb to march said Whitcombs men to head Quarters whereupon the Soldiers were mutinous and would not march when ordered thereto and your memorialist proceeded to head Quarters from Haverhill to the North river and mad report of the Same to Gen[l] Heath the commanding officer then at west point. * * * *

Thomas Lyford Lvt

Concord June the 21st 1782.

[R. 3-61] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Northfield Jany 6th 1785

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire

Sir Please to pay ——— Gilman or his order all that is due to me I having been a Soldier in the 1st New Hampshire Regiment.

Value Rec[d] Witness my hand

Attest John Nichols

his
William × Rhines
mark

[R. 3-62]

Northfield December 12, 1785

To John T. Gilman Esq Treasurer for the State of New Hampshire

Sir Please to pay Colo Ebenezer Webster all the wages and Bounty Due to me for serving six months in the army under said Webster for the State of New Hampshire.

as witness my hand

£ 10. 7. Edward Diah

[R. 3-63] Northfield August 5th 1792

M[r] Treasurer Sir please to pay Joshua Pickering or bearer

whatever wages and Rations which may be do to me for my Cervice in the New Hampshire Line it being value Received

Witness my hand Edward his × mark Smith

W Benjamin Kimball
William Stevens
Benning Pickering

[8–107] [*Relative to Civil Magistrate, 1785.*]

march 7 ye 1785 Northfield

it is our Desire whos name are under writing that thomos Gilman Asq^r^ should Be continued as a Just of the peace

Jonathan wodly	william kenston	William Gliens
James Shapord	Stephen Haines	John Cross
Joseph Call	Nathl Dearborn	thomas Cross

[8–110]

Northfield March the 2 1785 it tis our minds that Esq glman shall Be continued as Justes of the peas—

William witcher	Thomas Lyford	John Forest
Nathaiel Perkines	fifield liford	Jacob Heath
John Perkins	Jonathan Witcher	Jeremiah McDaniel
Robart purkines	Jonathan Leavitt	Ezekiel Clough
Aaron stevens	Wadligh Leavitt	Thomas Clough
jonathan Sanborn	Arch^s^ Miles	Jese Cross
Reuben Witcher	John Simons	James Simons
James Muchmore	william Dyer	James Sherburn
Jonathan Gilman	Richard Blanchard	Daniel Randel
Samuel T. Gilman	william williams	James L. Perkins
Nathaniel witcher	William frest	Aaron Stevens Juner
Abraham dearborn	Gideon Leavitt	jonathan Sherburn

[8–108] [*Relative to a Ferry, 1785.*]

To the Honourable the Senate & house of Representatives of the State of Newhampshire Now Setting at Concord we the Subscribers Inhabatents of the Parrish of Northfield & the Neighbouring Towns have for many years Labourd under many Inconveniances for Want of Som Person to keep a ferry a Cross Merrimack River Between Northfield & Salsbury & now understanding that Robt wise has Petitioned your Honours for a grant of a ferry acros S^d^ River for three miles half up & half

doon we Pray that he may have it where he has Petetiond for & your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Northfield Octr 24^{d} 1785

James Hersey	Mathew Thomson	Moses Tomson
John Samborn	John Sanborn 3^{d}	James Asgood
Jeremiah Sanborn J^{r}	Nathl Tilton	Jacob Tomson
Jacob Tilton	Jacob garland	Jonathan Cate
Lewis Haines	Nathl Chandler	Simeon Cate
Samuel Hunt	Josiah Miles	Jotham Sawyer
Stephen Gale	Elijah True	Jonathan Sanborn
Danl Sanborn	Joseph Burley	John Thorn
Philip Hunt Junr	Nathiel Burley	John Clark
Thos Critchet	william Burley	Joseph Clark
Jon^{a} H. Sanborn	Nethenel Burley	Jeremiah Samborn
James Cate	inur	John Samborn Jur
Danl Sanborn J^{r}	Benjamin Robinson	James Shepard
James Sanborn	J^{r}	

[8–109] [*Petition for a Ferry, 1785.*]

To the Honorable the Saneat and Representativs of the State of New Hampshire Now Seting at Concord

we the Subscribers inhabitants of the Parrish of Northfield have for maney years Labourd under maney inconveniences for want of Sum Parson to keep a ferry across merrimack River Between this Place and Salisbury and Now understanding that Robart wise has Pettion^{d} your Honors for a grant of a ferry a cross Said River Pray that he may have it whire Pettioned for and your Pettioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Northfield october 23–1785

Samuel T Gilman	Jonathan Darborn	James muchemore
James Blanchard	William Dyer	thomas Gilman
William ad Perkines	Nathaniel Cross	Aaron Stephens Jur
Robort Curry	James Cross	Jonathan Sanborn
David Blanchard	John Cross	James forest
Nathaniel witcher	Jacob Heath	willam keniston
John Parkins	Jonathan Wadlegh	Jonathan thomson
——— Danford	Abraham Dearborn	willam gibson
Benaiah Sanborn	William Williams	william thomson
Reuben Witcher	Benjamin Glins	Daniel darling
Robart Parkines	James Simons	Elisha Cate
Jonathan Gilman	Wm Glines	John Morrison
William witcher	Willim kinston	Jeremiah tilton
——— Danford	William forest	Ebenezer Darling

Frases Sanborn
Nathaniel Perkines
Joseph Hancock
Sanborn Sanborn
Nathaniel Darborn
John Cross Jur
Ezekiel Clough
fifield Liford
Beniaman Blancherd
Jeremiah m^{c}daniel
Jonathan Kineston
Nathaniel Brown
John kineston
Jonathan Leavit
Richard Blanchard
Aaron Stevens
Franes Durgin
Edward Chase
John Perkins
Simeon Robinson
Stephen Haines
Robert Foss
Moses Foss
Reuben miles
Jacob blanc^{d}
Thomas Lyford

[8-111] [*Petition of the Inhabitants for a Magistrate: addressed to the President and Council.*]

Northfield Sepr 8th 1786

whereas Thomas Gilmon Esqr is about moving from this Parish & we Shall be Destitute of a Majetrate we Pray that Archelus Miles of this Perish May be Put in as a Justice of ye Peace for sd Northfield and we as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray

Thomas Cross
Jesse Cross
nathan Cross
John Cross
James Shepard
Nathan Colby
Joseph hancock
Georg hancock
John forest
David kinston
Aron Stephens
John Dearbon
Jonathan Dearbon
Nathanaeal Dearbon
Wiliam Glines
Wiliam Rines his × mark
Gideon Sawyer
Henery Danford
James Blanchard
Jonathan Wodligh
Jonathan Leavitt
George Jones
Elisha French
John Simons
William Glines
Wiliam Wiliams
Wiliam forest
Andrew french
jonathan gile
Richard Blanchard
David Dolor
William Dyer
Aaron Stephens junr
Richerd Gliens
moses Danford
Daniel kandale
Thomas foos
Thomas SherBon
john welch

[8-112] [*Petition of the Inhabitants for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1787.*]

Humbly shews—the Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Northfield in said State, that the said Town is destitute of Justice of the Peace, and that it is a considerable distance to the nearest Justice in any Neighbouring Town: They therefore, Pray Your Excellency & Hon^{rs} that some suitable person may be appointed to that Office, and they beg leave, with submission to recommed Archelaus Miles as a per-

son Agreeable to their wish—And as in duty bound will ever pray

samuel th. gilmon
Abraham dwyer
James Simons
william ad Perkines
Joseph Hancocke
Gideon Leavitt
Aaron Stephens
Aaron Stephens Junr
Jonathan gile
James Shepard
Joseph ash
Daniel Randel
John welch
thomas foss Juner
Job forest
James Gilson
Jonathan Leavitt
Joseph Leavitt
thomas Clough Junr
Richerd Ellison
David Dollof
Richd Smith
hanery Danford
John Roen
william hancock
Ezekial Davis
Nathan Colby
George hancock
Shubel Dearborn Juner
Nathanieal Dearbon
John Dearbon
Ezekiel Heath
Nathaniel Perkins
James L Perkins
William Glines
George Jones
John Simons
Jonathan wadleigh
John Cochran
Gideon Sawyer
Jotham sawyer
moses Danforth
Edmund Shepard
James fores
Samuel Davis
thomas foss
Benjemin Collins
William Williams
William Glines
William Rines
william glines Juner
Benjamin Welch
Nathaniel Brown
Morrill Shepard
Bill Clement
Elisha French
andrew frenche
Jonathan Keneston

[8–113] [*Petition of Inhabitants for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

We the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Parish of Northfield, County of Rockingham, and State afores^{d} do humbly Petition, and pray that Lieu^{t} Charles Gliddin of s^{d} Parish, shou'd be Appointed as a Justice of the Peace for s^{d} Parish; being fully convinced, he is a Suitable man for that office, and as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Northfield April 26th 1887—

Elisher french
Richer Blanchard
Jacob Blanchard
John Perkins
Willm H : Bowles
Geo : Jones
Edward S Dyer
hanary danford
Benjamin Welch
Jonathan Wodleigh
eben Blanchard
Reuben Blanchard
Nathaniel witcher
John Cross
Iseck boen
Jemes gibson
John Wellch
James Sherburn
Willam Rines
willam glinds
Jonathan Leavitt Juner
Richard glines
Daniel Randel
William forest
James L Perkins
Richd Smith
Richrd Ellison
Nathaniel Perkines
Benjamin Glines

William Turrell
Joseph Man
James forest
William witcher
William Samborn
Joseph Leavitt Junr
Edmund Spezar
Levi Morrill
Reuben Whitcher
Robert Curry
Edward Blanchard
Benjaman blanchard
william glinds Jur
Nathanieal Dearbon
Shubel dearbon
Jonathan DearBon
Abraham Dearbon
Jonathan gile
Isaac Tracy
Jonath^{n} Welsh
Wadleigh Leavitt
Jonathan Sanborn
Joseph Ellison
Shubel Dearbon Juner
John Dearborn
Jonathon Kinestone
thomas foss
Jonathan Witcher
Thomas Clough
Saul french
William Adams Perkins
John forrest

NORTH HAMPTON.

The township was formerly a part of Hampton, from which it was separated for parochial purposes, November 17, 1738, and went by the name of North Hill Parish until November 26, 1742, when it was incorporated with full town privileges by its present name, the derivation of which is obvious. Documents relative to the parish may be found in Vol. XII, pp. 117–122.

A dispute concerning the line between this town and Rye was settled by the adoption of a report of James Hill of New Market, Jeremiah Batchelder of Kensington, and Joshua Weeks of Greenland, a committee appointed by the legislature to run the same. Their report, dated January 17, 1793, may be found in manuscript charter records, Vol. 4, page 257, in office of secretary of state. Said report was to be final and conclusive.

Little Boar's Head, situated in this town on the Atlantic coast, is a pleasant summer resort, and is visited by those who desire to enjoy the cool and invigorating sea air quietly in preference to the more populous places.

[8–116] [*Petition of Inhabitants for a Divisional Line: addressed to the General Assembly, 1742.*]

The Petition of Sundry Persons who live in the Northerly part of Hampton in Said Province whose names are hereunto annexed most humbly sheweth, That sometime since the General Court of this Province by an act made and erected a Parish

in the northerly part of Hampton afores[d] by Polling off sundry Persons and their Estates but not by any metes & bounds That there are sundry others who live convenient to attend the publick worship of God at the meeting house in said Parish, who are desirous so to do, That the old Parish of Hampton is an able and large parish and can without being burdened Spare sundry persons and their estates to another Parish—wherefore your Petitioners pray your Excellency and Honours to take this Petition under Consideration and in your great wisdom and Goodness to ratify establish and Confirm the said Parish in the Northerly part of said Hampton by a divisional line between the old Parish of Hampton afores[d] and the said Northerly Parish whereabouts your Excellency and Honours shall see meet and proper or to Cause that the Ministers of the said Two Parishes be paid By one Rate or otherways as may be Judged Just and equall and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

June the 7th 1742

we the Subscribers of the north part of Hampton desire to put in to this Honarable General Cort to see If they will grant us a Line between the parishs in Hampton or order to maintain the two ministers together or any other way by there Consideration

John Derborn	Joshua Winget	Abner Fogg
Samuel derbon	Timothy Dalton	Sam[el] bachelder
Thomas marston	henrey [l.is m] × Darbon	hanrey bachelder
John Wedgwood		James Godfree
Job chapman	Benjamin Marston	Jacob liford
Daniel samborn	Sen	William godfree
Jonathan marston	John Marston	Bngman Hobs
Simon Dearborn	Joshua brown	John godfree
John leavitt	Jonathan thomas	Stven bchalder Junr
daniel marston	David Jewell	Ebnezer Samborn
Benjamin marston	Jerimiah darbon	John phelbreck
wintrop marston	Stephen Batchelder	John godfree

[*Action of the Legislature on the foregoing.*]

In the House of Representatives 9[r] 24th 1742

The within Petition & others relating thereto Read & the Parties heard and the House having considered thereof, voted: That there be a line Setled, viz[t] to beging at a Great Rock in the High way that Leads from Portsmouth to Hampton over North Hill between y[e] dwelling Houses of Caleb Marston & Joseph Tole Jun[r] and is the first Great Rock in y[e] High way

to the Southward of the Widow Levits dwelling House & from Said Rock to run on a Strait Line to the Sea at the mouth of the Little River where it now Empties itSelf into the Sea. And then to begin at the Great Rock aforesaid & then to run on a Straight Line to the Corner Bounds Between Stretham & Exeter at Hampton Line And That the Estates in the old parish y^{t} belongs to the Poles in the new parish Shall pay Rates to the north parish & the Estates belonging to ye Poles in the old parish that lies in the north parish Shall pay Rates to ye old parish and whereon the owner of the land Lives there he & his Estate Shall pay Rates, Notwithstanding ye Line Setled. & if any Strangers purchase land in Either parish, he Shall pay where the Land Lies: & Its always intended that Every person in Each parish pay his Proportion of the Grant to Mrs Dorothy Gookin as usual:

and that the Rates for the present yeare be paid as they are already made & that the Petitioners have liberty to Bring in a Bill accordingly

And y^{t} ye Select men of Each parish Joyn in ye makeing ye Province Taxes. as also y^{t} both parishes Joyn in Choice of Representative until further order—

James Jeffry Cle^{r} ass^{m}

Provr N Hamp^{r} Nov: 25th 1742

In Council read & Concurrd

Theod^{r} Atkinson Sec^{ry}

Eodem Die Assented to

B Wentworth

[8–117] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to Church Affairs: addressed to the General Assembly September 14, 1742.*]

The Humble Pitition of us the Subscribers Most Humbly Sheweth that the houses and habitations of your Pititioners are in the northly Part of the town of Hampton and where as Several of our Neighbours were Some years ago Poled of from the town to the Support of a gospell minester at North hill and now Several others Joining with them they are Pititioning for a line which If granted will Probably take the houses and habitations of your Pititioners in with them and so Contrery to our Inclinations we shall be forced of from the Minestrey the Church and Congrigation in the old town and (with out the aid of your Excellency and Honours) Shall be Compelled to Pay to the Support of the minestrey at north hill If your Excellency and Honours Should in your Grate wisdom See meet to Grant them their Pitition and give them a line we Humbly and Earnestly Pray your Excellency and Honours that your Pititioners and

their Estates may be Exampted from Paying to the Support of the Minestrey at north hill and that we may still remain under and be taxed to the Support of the Minestrey and the other Publick Chargs of the town as we used to be and your Pititioners as in Dutey bound Shall Ever Pray

John Smith	Joseph knowles	franis Page
william Moulton	Daniel fogg	William Moulton
Simon knowles	Samuel Fogg	Benj: Lampre
Richard tayler	Thomas Robie	Jona^{tn} Knowles
Abraham Drake	Zachariah towl	Benjn Johnson
moris hobbes	Ruben darben	Jonathan Palmer
Josiah hobbes	Thomes darben	Joseph Page
John Shaw	Samuel darben	Joseph Moulton
Bengman Smith	Bennony fullor	Benj Johnson
William palmer	nathanil moreton	James Thomas
John Smith Jun	Samuel Bachildor	
John tayler	Jun	

[8–118] [*Petition of Jonathan Palmer and Daniel Fogg: addressed to the General Assembly, 1744.*]

The Petetion of us His Majestys Subjects Inhabetants of the North Parish in Hampton within Said Province

Humbly Shueath

That we Labure under Grate Difelicte our houses Standing jest upon the Line & our Land being Devided ye one part in Rye & the other in the North Parish in hampton there being no way Nearer then about four miles to Get to the meeting house in ye north Parish & Living with in about two miles of Rye meeting house the Place where we Generly Go to Devine worshep & most Convenent for Sending our Children to Scol

May it Please your Exc^{l} and The Honourable Council & house of Representatives your Petitioners Humbly Pray that we and our Estats where we Live may be Set of to Rye and your Petitoners Shall Ever Pray as in Duty bound

Jonathan Palmer
Daniel Fogg

[In H. of Rep., Aug. 23, 1744, "Voted that the petition be Dismist for so long time as the opposers to the petition shall keep an open and passable way in such place as has been directed by Col. Wingate, to North Hill meeting House, to and from the Petitioners Dwelling Houses."—Ed.]

[8–119] [*Petition of Inhabitants for a Grant of Land: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1750.*]

the Humble Petition of us the subscribers Most Humbly Sheweth—that where as a Considerable number of the Inhabitants of the town of Hampton Did signe their names in a Pitition to his Excellency and the Councel about eight years since Praying that they might have land Granted to them for one or two townships on some Part of Pemigawasset River

which Pitition is not as yet Granted and where as a Grate Part of said Pititioners never had any land Granted to them by the Government—the town of Hampton in General have had but a Very small Matter of lands Granted to them by the goverment to what other towns have had—we Humbly Pray that the said Pitition may be Granted according to the Prayer of it and If the land Cannot be had where it was asked for—we Pray that it May be granted as near to us as Possable near the southern boundrey of the Province—as your Excellency and Honours In your Grate wisdom shall See meet and your Pititioners as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray

Dated at Hampton Januery ye 22nd 1749/50

Samuel Palmer Junr
Jeremiah Moulton
Josiah Moulton sener
Ephraim Marston
William Moulton
Benjamin Dow
Jonathan Tuck
Gershom Griffith

[8–120] [*Petition for Land Grant: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1749.*]

The Petition of Daniel Marston & John Leavit of North Hampton in said Province Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioners together with their Associates to such Number as your Excellency & Hon^rs^ shall please to appoint are desirous & willing to cultivate & improve & render profitable to our Selves & Posterity some of the wast Lands of His Said majesties Said Province as well as to increase the Number of the Setlers & Subjects of Said Province &c—

We therefore Humbly pray your Excellency & Honours would be pleased to grant to us & our Associates as aforesaid a Township (of such Dimensions & under such Restrictions &

Limitations together with Such Priviledges & Advantages as you grant to other of his majestie's good Subjects of S[d] Province)—Bounding & lying upon Connecticut River & the Boundary Line between New-Hampshire aforesaid & the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay or as near that spot as your Excellency & Honours in your great Wisdom shall think it may conveniently be done

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

22[d] Jan[r] 1749, Dan[l] Marston
John Leavit

[*List of Associates.*]

Simon Nudd	Nath[l] Mason	Benjamin Marston
Simon Marston Junr	Benj[a] Thomas	Benjamin Johnson
Abner Fogg Junr	Daniel Samborn	Benjamin Hobbs
Bengman Leavitt	Sam[l] Marston	Samewell Shaw
Jonathan Moulton	Zachariah towl	John Johnson
Joshwe Wengate Jun[r]	Jonathan Wedgewood	John godfree
D. Peirce	Abner Fogg	Abraham Tilton
Nath[l] Sargent Esq.	Edward Shaw	Wintrop marston
Saml Marston Jun[r]	Eben: Samborn	Willam moulton
Thos. Leavit	Timothy Dalton	John marston
Dan[l] Marston	Joseph knowles	Joshua Brown
John Leavit	hanrey Batchelder	thomas marston
Thomas Bell Esq.	Abraham Drake	Joshua Brown Jur
Joseph Towl	Jonathan Marston	David marston
		Stven Brown

[8–122] [*Petition relative to election of Representative: addressed to the House of Representatives, 1758.*]

We Your most Humble Petitioners the Select Men of the Parish of North Hampton for the present Year not having been notified to joyn with The Town of Hampton in the late Choice of Representitives which priviledge was Granted to this Parish by his Excellency the Governor and Honorab[le] the Counsel and house of Representitives Therefore humbly conceive the said Meeting was illegal and that those Members then chosen in the Town of Hampton have no right to set as Members and pray they may not be Accepted And that there may be a new Choice

And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Novemb[r] 28th 1758 Reuben Dearborn, John Leavitt, Levi Dearborn } Select Men for North Hampton

[Petition dismissed.—Ed.]

[8–123] [*Petition relative to Election of Representative: addressed to the General Assembly, 1758.*]

We Your Humb[le] Petitioners being Granted off into a Separate Parish (by the Name of North Hampton) from the Town of Hampton with all Parish Priviledges excepting in Chusing of Representitives in which Choice we are to Joyn with the Town but in as much as there are Sundery differences between the Town of Hampton and North Hampton we are debar[d] from the priviledge of joyning with the Town of Hampton in their Choice they being superiour to North Hampton in number of Voters and no order of Court (as in Rye & New Castle) wheither they shall be one or both in one place neither have we the Parish of North Hampton any Notification or Precept when or where to joyn with them the Town of Hampton in the Choice of Representitives and forasmuch as we the parish of North Hampton Pay a large Province Rate of Six or Seven Hundred Pounds new Tenor per Annum and have no one to Represent us in the General Assembly Therefore humbly pray we may have a Precept for Chusing one Representitive separate from the Town of Hampton to Represent us in the General Assembly—And Your most Humb[le] Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

North Hampton Novemb[r] 28th 1758

Eben[r] Samborn } Agents for said
Levi Dearborn } North Hampton

[8–124] [*Petition of Levi Dearborn, Joseph Hobbs, and Ebenezer Neal: addressed to the General Assembly.*

The Petition of us the Subscribers as a Committee of the Parish of North Hampton in behalf of the Inhabitants thereof humbly sheweth, That in the year 1742 the said Parish was by an Act of the General Assembly of the then Province set off from the Town of Hampton at the Northerly part thereof, by the Name of North Hampton bounded as by the said Act will appear—And vested with all the Privileges & Immunities of other Parishes—With this exception, that all such estates as lay in the old Parish, which belonged unto and were owned by persons living in the North Parish should be rated to the North Parish, and such Estates as lay in the North Parish which belonged unto and owned by persons living in the old Parish, should be rated to the old Parish, and that on which side soever of said line any person should live in Hampton, there he, and his estate on both sides of said Line should be rated, but if any Stranger shold purchase land in either of said parishes such stranger

should be rated for such land where it lay said Committee farther show that since the said Parish of North Hampton has been established as aforesaid many Inhabitants of Hampton have purchased considerable quantities of Land lying in said North Hampton the former Owners of which land paid Taxes for the same to said Parish of North Hampton, but the present Owners thereof being Inhabitants of Said Hampton refuse to pay taxes therefor to the said Parish of North Hampton conceving themselves exempted therefrom by said Act which conception Your Petitioners apprehend is foreign to the Spirit of said Act, And as the paying taxes for such lands out of the Parish where they lie is very inconvenient and tend to create Disputes and may in time by frequent transfers thereof to persons living in Hampton aforesaid according to their conception of said Act totally deprive the Inhabitants of said North Hampton of the means of paying their parochial taxes. Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly pray that all the ratiable Estate lying and being within North Hampton aforesaid may be subject to the payment of Taxes there And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c—

North Hampton March 16th 1779

Levi Dearborn
Joseph Hobbs
Ebener Neal
} Committee for North Hampton

[8–125] [*Petition relative to Election of Representative: addressed to the General Court, 1783.*]

The Petition of a Majority of the Legal Voters in the Town of North Hampton in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Humbly Shows That the said Town is encorporated with all the Powers Priviledges and Franchises that other Towns in this state hold and enjoy That ever since the present Government they have been priviledged with a representative to the General Court—That the New Constitution or form of Government for this State provides that every Town Parish or place intitled to town Priviledges haveing one Hundred and fifty rateable Polls of twenty one years and upward may Elect one Representative and that such Towns Parishes or Places as have less then one Hundred and fifty Rateable Polls shall be Classed by the General Assembly for the Purpose of Chuseing a representative and that when any Town Parish or Place intitled to Town Priviledges as aforesaid and having less than one Hundred and fifty rateable Polls and be so situated as to render the Classing very inconvenient the General Assembly

may upon Application of a Majority of the Voters in such Town Parish or Place issue a Writ for their Electing and Sending a Representative to the General Court. That Your Petitioners humbly conceive that they fall within the Last Discription not being one Hundred and fifty rateable Polls and being so situated as not to admit of being Classed without Great inconvenience That Your Petitioners are Clearely of Opinion that the Present Legislature have every Power and Authority necessary for introducing the new Constitution or form of Government.

Wherefore they Pray that in the new Arrangement for the next Essembly a Precept may issue to the Town of North Hampton for Electing and Sending a Representative under such regulations as other Towns and Destrects in this State And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray—
North Hampton December 1783—

Ebenr Samborn
Levi Dearborn
Benjamin Leavitt
James wedgwood
Thomas Samborn
Benjamin Page
thomas Leavitt
John Robey
John Robey Junr
Saml Jenness
Phinehas Dearborn
Levi marston
thomas haines
David Page Juner
David marston
Zachriah Towl
Thomas Marston
Benjamin Brown
William Samborn
John Porter
Dearborn Fogg
Joseph molton
Josiah Hobbs
Joseph Hobbs
Dudley Page
Samuel Smith
Jamiah Fogg
Simon Ward

Joseph Molton
John wedgwood
Josiah wedgwood
Stephen page
Jonathan Page
Simon Page
Josiah Neal
Walter Neal
Abraham Drack
Jonathan Drack
Nathaniel Drack
Simon Levitt
Samuel Robey
John Dearborn
John Dearborn Junr
Samuel Dearborn
Jermiah Dearborn
John Tayler
Abraham Tayler
Morris Hobbs
thomas Hobbs
Nathaniel Batchelder
Levi Dearborn Jur
Samuel his × mark Davis
Ebnezer Lovrin
Ebnezer Lovrin Jur
Simon Lovrin

thomas Lovrin
John Winket
John Lovering
Reuben gove Dearborn Ju
thomas marston
Beniamin marston
Joseph Palmer
Benjamin Mason
Ebnezer Neal
Abner fogg
Abner fogg Junr
Simon Lamper
Ruben Dearbon Jr
Samuel Molton
Isaac Jenness Jur
Isaac Jenness
Samuel Robey
Simon Brown
Samuel Chapman
James Godfree
William Koves
John Nudd
Joseph Taylor
William Godfree
Jona Wedgwood

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 31, 1783, the petition was granted, Senate concurred.—Ed.]

[R. 3-64] [*Petition of Stephen Brown, Soldier, 1759.*]

[In a petition to the general assembly, dated May 16, 1759, said Brown stated "That your Petitioner was an Inlisted soldier in the Government service In the Last Campaign, in Capt Thos. Tashes Comp[a] that your Petitioner bought a Gun of Capt Abner Fogg to carry with him in s[d] service." He further stated that the gun burst the first time he fired it, and he thereby lost two of his fingers. He asked to have doctor's bill paid, which was granted to the extent of £6, 8 sterling.—ED.]

[R. 3-65] [*Petition of Jonathan Wedgwood, 1761.*]

To the Honourable the House of Representatives now setting at Portsmoth—

The Petition of Jonathan Wedgwood of North Hampton humbly sheweth—That Sam[l] Wedgwood the son of your Petitioner did enlist in the year 1760 into the service for the total reduction of Canada and went accordingly in the Company of Capt George March and on his return was taken sick at Crown Point and convey[d] by Albany home which created some extraordinary charges which your petitioner prays may be allow[d] him by the Honourable House of Representatives and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

North Hampton Febr[y] 4th 1761

Jon[a] Wedgwood

[He was allowed 32 shillings sterling.—ED.]

[R. 3-67] [*Petition of Samuel Davis, Soldier: addressed to the General Assembly, 1763.*]

The Petition of Samuel Davis of North Hampton Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner being out in the service of this Province in the year 1758, in the Company of Capt Jonathan Swett, and being wounded at No. Four * * *

Sam[l] his × mark Davis

[The wound was in his leg. He was attended by Dr. Levi Dearborn; he asked to have the doctor's bill paid.—[ED.]

[R. 3–68] [*Soldier's Order, 1778.*]

Dated at North hampton febrey 6th 1778

To Nickles Gilman Treas Sir please Capt Moses Leavitt all my Rations Deue to me the Last Campaign your Compliance will greatly oblige your Humbell Sevt

Radmund Moult[on] Ens

[R. 3–69]

[In a petition dated Feb. 12, 1778, Abraham Marston stated that he was a "Soldier in Col. Abraham Drake's Regiment the last fall in the Service of this State." He was taken sick of fever in New York state, and asked to have the expense of his sickness paid. Allowed £21, 6, 2. —Ed.]

[R. 3–70] [*James Wedgwood, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated Jan. 9, 1781, James Wedgwood stated that he was "a Lieut in the third New Hampshire Battalion," and was "engaged in the Service of the United States in Novr 1776, and continued in Said Service until the 13th of Septr 1778." He asked to have the depreciation of his pay made up. He petitioned again (R. 3–71) in 1784, and then succeeded.—Ed.]

[R. 3–72] [*Account for Supplies to Mrs. Green.*]

Due to the Parish of North Hampton for supplying Richerds Greens wife for the year 1782 Five pounds Four shillings & Four pence Lawful Silver Money £5 : 4 : 4.

North Hampton Febuary 24th 1783.

Pr Morris Hobbs

In behalf of the Selectmen

[Sworn before Levi Dearborn.]

[R. 3–73] [*Soldier's Order.*]

North Hampton May 30th 1785

To John taler Gillman Esq Sur be plesed to pay unto Coll

Moses Leavitt all the wages Due to my Son Jorge Long Due to him for Serves in the Armey

Yourn to serve [torn]en Long

[R. 3-74] [*Petition of Daniel Gookin, Soldier, addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Humbly shews Daniel Gookin of North Hampton, in said State—That your petitioner early in the year 1777 went into the army of the United States as a Serjeant and continued there in that capacity till the 19th march AD 1779 at which time he received a Brevit from this State to rank as Ensign—that he was afterwards on the 16th Day of June A D 1779 commissioned by Congress to take Rank as Ensign from the 6th Day of May 1777—that this State has made up to him the Depreciation of his Wages in the Capacity of Serjeant for said Term of time, Wherefore he prays that your honors would be pleased to grant him the Depreciation on the difference of the Wages of Serjeant and Ensign and empower him to receive the same & your petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Danll Gookin

[Petition granted Feb. 17, 1786.—Ed.]

[R. 3-75] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers.*]

State of New Hampshire—

To the Honbl General Court for the State of New Hampshire Now Sitting at Portsmouth in said state

Humbly Sheweth Moses Leavitt of North-Hampton in Said State in behalf of Said Town of North-Hampton that an extent was Issued against said Town for a Large Sum of Money for the Dificiency of Soldiers which is yet unsatisfyed and that by Som Neglect by the failer of said Town Returning Sum of said Soldiers they have Not been credited for four Men that they had in the field which Sarved faithfully during the war Viz Samuel Trickey John Weeks Samuel York & Joseph Avery wherefore your Petitioner Prays that this Honourable Court would take the Same into there wise Consideration and order that the said four Men may be Credited to said Town and deducted from said Extent and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Pray &c

Portsmouth March 1st 1786.

Moses Leavitt

[The foregoing petition was "granted in full."—Ed.]

NORTHUMBERLAND.

The township was first granted, Oct. 20, 1761, by the name of Stonington, to John Hogg and others. Settlements were made in June, 1767, by Thomas Burnside, with his wife and three children, and Daniel Spalding, with his wife and son Edward. It is said that Mrs. Spalding was a descendant of the celebrated Hannah Duston.

It was re-granted Jan. 25, 1771, to Daniel Warner and others, by its present name, and incorporated by the legislature Nov. 16, 1779, with full town privileges. John Brown was authorized to call the first meeting.

By an act approved Dec. 27, 1799, Jeremiah Eames, Joseph Peverley, and John Moore were appointed a committee to assess a tax of three cents per acre on the lands in the town, for the purpose of building a bridge over Ammonoosuc river.

Jeremiah Eames was a surveyor of land, and was employed to survey and make plans of several towns in the vicinity, to comply with the act of December, 1803, which required plans of all towns, grants, etc., to be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

[8–126] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to a Road from Conway: addressed to the General Court, 1780.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

that wheras their is a Road cut and Partly Cleared and Bridged Leading from uper Coos to Conway So to Wolfbrough and Portsmouth which is through Considerable unapropriated Lands unlikely Soon to be Seteled at or near the white hills where if Some Expence was Properly Laid out would Shorten the travel from Connecticut River to the Seaports and Prevent the People at uper Coos being under Necessety of taking the tedious Rout of Lower Coos of at Least forty or fifty miles farther And wheras it is now a time of war and the People at uper Coos being the frontier of this State or the Continant in this Northern Quarter Exposed to alarms and attacks by the Enemy from Canada and having no Resorce for help or way of Retreat but by the way of Lower Coos (which think themselves Equaly Exposed) wherefore your Petitioners beg the Interposition of the Hon^{bl} Court that they would order the above Said Road way imeadiatly be made Passable with horses or Carraiges through Said unapropriated Lands at the Cost of the

State and through the apropriated Lands at the Cost of owner that So Releif may Soner be had from the Interior to the Exterior Part of the State which will be of great importance to your Petitioners and of advantage to this State and the Publick in general and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound will Ever Pray
Northumberland May 25th 1780

thomas Burnside	Nathan Barlow	John Sawyer
John Holbrook	Archippus Bloggatt	Dill Sawyer
John Gamsby	Joseph Barlow	George Wheeler
James Blake	James Brown	Samll Nash
Joshua Lamkin	Benja Byron	David Hopkinson
James Curtiss	Ward Bailey	David Page
David Larned	Abner osgood	moses page
Elijah Blogget	Benja Sawyer	Jonas Wilder
Luther Richardson	Timo Nash	

[See following document.—Ed.]

[8–127] [*Report of Committee relative to building a Road, 1780.*]

State of New Hamps In the House of Representatives June 14th 1780.

The Committee on the Petition from Northumberland Reported their Opinion that they Recommend the passing an Act appointing & authorizing some person or persons to sell at public Vendue One Thousand Acres of the Confiscated Land of William Stark adjoining to Conway & lay out the money arising by said Sale in making a good & passable Road through the Unappropriated Lands Mentioned by the Petitioners & make Return of such doing to the General Court as soon as may be which is Submitted in behalfe of the Committee, by E. Thompson,—Which Report being Read & Considered, Voted that it be Received and Accepted—

Sent up for Concurrence

John Langdon Speaker

In Council June 15th 1780, read & concurred

E. Thompson Secy.

[8–128] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of N Hamps Grafton ss—

An Exact Account. of the number of Male Poles from twen-

ty-one years of Age & upwards, in the Town of Northumberland, paying A Pole Tax, s^d^ number being Seventeen

Jo^s^ Peverly
Jer^h^ Eames } Select. Men

Northumberland 2^d^ Decr 1783

[Sworn to before Edw^ds^ Bucknam, Justice of the Peace.]

[8–129] [*Petition of the Selectmen of Northumberland and Guildhall, Vt., for Authority to raise Money by Lottery: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

That Whereas Connecticut River Divides the Towns of Northumberland and Guildhall and there being a very convenient Advantagious place for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over what is called the little Falls on said River which would be very advantagious to the Public in general as well as to the Inhabitance of s^d^ Towns as that is near the Centre of the Inhabitance of the Upper Coos—We therefore for our Selves and in behalf of All who are travilers in and thro' this Country Humbly Beseech your Honours to grant us Liberty to raise by Lottery the Sum of One thousand Dollars which we concieve to be sufficient together with what Subscriptions we can procure to erect a good and perminent Bridge over s^d^ Place and we your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Dated at Northumberland this 25th Day of May 1791—

Benoni Cutter
Eben W. Judd
Joseph Peverly
Antipas marshall } Select Men

[8–130] [*Petition for a Ferry, 1785.*]

State Newhamp^r^

To the Honourble the Seneate & House of Representatives humbly Sheweth

That Ever Since the first Setelment of this Town and Others adjacent in Upper Coos the Inhabitants and Travelers have been Great Suferers for want of a boat, Suitable to Carry People horses & Teams over Connecticute River and a branch thereof Called amminooSuck River which Runs in to Connecticute River in Northumberland and wheras Thomas Burnside

Esq[r] hath Proposed building a Suitable boat or boats if he Might have a Charter of a ferry in Such manner that the ferry to Cross Connecticut River might take in AmminnuSuck which your Petetioners Supose might be without Inconveniance with the Same boat Therefore Pray the Sole Priveledge of Keeping a boat or boats in Northumberland for the above Purposes may be Granted to the s[d] Burnside he being Subject to Such Regulations & Restrictions as your Hon[rs] in your wisdom Shall See meet and your Petetioners will Ever Pray

Northumberland May 14th 1785

Thomas Peverly	Archippas Blogget	Hith Balden
Thomas Peverly j[r]	Josiah Blogget	Barnard Cole
Jer[h] Eames	James Brown	James Blake
Daniel Spaldin	Newcomb Blogget	Joshua Lamkin
David Learned	John Holbrook	Oliver Lamkin
James Learned	James Curtiss	thomas Lamkin
Abel Learned	William Curtiss	James Burnside
Elijah Blogget	Stephen Curtiss	Phinehas Hodgdon
James Luther	John Smith	Nathan Caswell

[The privilege of keeping a ferry was granted to said Thomas Burnside in 1786.—Ed.]

[8-131] [*Petition for a new County, 1791.*]

To the Honourable the General Court of the State of New Hampshire—

The Potision of the Inhabitants of Northumberland In the County of Grafton—

Humbly Sheweth—

That your Potisioners live at The distance of neer Sixty miles from the neerest Shier Town In this County—

That a very considerable part of the Inhabitants of this part of the County live above us and are under Similar disadvantages with us—

That the Road to Haverhill our neerest Shier Town Are Exceeding bad and at Some Seasons of the year Unpassable—

Therefore we your Potisioners pray that we may Be Seperated from the Said County of Grafton And be made A new County by a Line drawn from Connecticut River between the Towns of Concord Alias Gunthwait and Littleton and on Eastward Taking in the Towns of Conway Eaton &-C—— to the Provinc line So Call[d]—And we as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Northumberland Nov[r] 22nd—1791

Abel Bennet	Yntipas Marshall	Anthony Clifford
Caleb Marshall	Abner Barlow	Thomas Peverly
Abel Bennet J^{r}	Jacob Shuff	Thomas Peverly
Isaac Meriam	Daniel Rowell	
Eliphalet Day	Thomas Burnside	

[The county of Coos was established by an act approved Dec. 24, 1803.—Ed.]

[8–132] [*Petition for Authority to assess a Tax to build a Bridge: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives, 1799.*]

Humbly sheweth,

That the Bridge over Amonnoosoock river was destroyed by an extraordinary Freshet in June last,—which Bridge being on the main road from Haverhill to the upper settlements on Connecticut river makes it highly necessary as well for the public, as for the individual use of the inhabitants that another should be built.—

That the Inhabitants being few in number, and having numerous other expensive bridges to maintain, besides being at present involved in other public expences by lately erecting a meeting house in said town, find themselves unable to rebuild said bridge without some assistance.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that a Tax of Four Cents p^{r} Acre on all the lands in said Northumberland public rights excepted may be granted, for the purpose of rebuilding said Bridge, and that the overplus if any there should be, may be laid out on the public roads in said Northumberland, in such manner and under such restrictions as in your wisdom you shall see fit.—And your Petitioners shall ever pray.—

Northumberland 7th November 1799

Caleb Marshall	James Burnside	Antipas Marshal
Abel Bennet	Jonathan Crawford	Joseph Daniels
Daniel Spaulding J^{ur}	Wm Bothwell	Eliphalet Day
Zadock Samson	John moore	Thomas Bickford
Joseph Peverly	Hez^{h} Smith	Benj^{a} Marshall
Jer^{h} Eames	David Burnside	Joel Owen
Thomas Peverly	Isaac Meriam	
Daniel Spaulding	James Lewis	

[Granted by an act approved Dec. 27, 1799.—Ed.]

NORTHWOOD.

The territory comprising this town was formerly a part of Nottingham, from which it was severed by an act passed February 6, 1773, and erected into a "distinct parish agreeable to a vote of the said town" (Nottingham).

Settlements were made in 1763 by Increase Bachelder, John Bachelder, and Moses Godfrey of North Hampton, and Solomon Bickford of Durham.

The first meeting of the inhabitants to choose town officers was called by Benjamin Johnson, and held at the house of Valentine Kenneson, March 23, 1773.

Among the Northwood men in the Revolution were Benjamin Dow in the first regiment; Samuel Johnson, Wm. Wallace, Eliphalet Taylor, Wm. Blake, Nathaniel Twombly, Benjamin Johnson, Jr., Simon Batchelder, Abraham Batchelder, Joseph Caswell, Simon D. Wadley, Samuel Trickey, William Glidden, and others.

[8–134] [*A Petition for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor, June 9, 1774.*]

The humble Petition of the freeholders & Inhabitents of the Perish of Northwood is that Your Exelency Would Grant A Justice of the Peace, Commision to Mr Benjamin Hill of this Perish He being A Very Capable Man, Likewise that there is Great Need of A Justice of the Peace here there Being No Man of that Station in Any part of this Perish Your Granting the prayers of us the Subscribers Will be Gratefully Acknowledged as A favour and Your humble petitioners will Ever Pray

John Batchelder	Stephen Hoit	Henry Sanborn
William Blaake	William Prescott	Asahel Blake
daves batchelder	Joseph Page	Levi Dearborn
Benjamin Johnson	Elias Philbrick	Zabulon Norris
Stephen Rawlians	Simon Wadleigh	Joshua Furbur
Nathanael Twombly	Moses Godfree	Daniel Sawyer
Joseph Holden	David Page	Morris Lamprey
Increas Batchelder	volatin Canstan	Jonathan Clark
abraham Bacthelder	Nicklus Clark	Robert Hill
Israel Hodgdon	John Harvey	David knowles
William Wollais	John Sherburn	

[Ordered to lay.—Ed.]

[8–135] [*Petition for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of Northwood, in the County of Rockingham Humbly Shews, That a Justice of Peace is much wanted in said Town, and that your petitioners understand that Jonathan Jenness Esqr late a Majestrate in said Town, does not incline to renew in said Office any more, and no, other being yet appointed, your petitioners humbly beg liberty to nominate and recommend to your Excellency & Hon^{rs} notice Mr Jonathan Clark and humbly pray that he may be appointed and commissioned a Justice of Peace for said County & your Petitioners shall pray—

Northwood 19th October 1785.—

Jonathan Jenness Esqr	Nathaniel Morriel	Frances James
	Moses Hoyt	David Page
John Harvey	Tayler Clarke	Peeter Blasdel
William P kelley	John Neley	Na^{t} garland
Volintine Kneson	——— Page	Ashel Blake
Dearborn Blake	Moses Johnsone	Sa^{m} Bartlet
John Crockett J^{r}	James Step James	Na^{t} Piper
Nich Dudley Hill	Josiah Dirgen	Samuel S Johnson
John Crockett	Thomas Piper	Solomon Bickford
Jon^{a} Sanborn	Willam Glitten	John Bickford Junr
Joshua Hoyt	Samuel Brown	Calep Clough
Thomas Piper 3	James Darborn	Moses Norris
Nicholas Hartford	Willam Buzell	Jon^{a} Hill
John Cate	Benjaman Johnson	——— Morriel
Jacob Norris	John Wille	Joseph York
Samuel Johnson	James Watson	

[R. 3–76] [*William Glidden, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated Northwood, October 17, 1785, William Glidden stated that he "Early Entered into the service of the united States of America in the late war with great Brittan and that he Sarved as a Soldier for the State of Newhampshire in the Regiment Commanded by General Hazen untill the Close of the War at which time he Received an Honourable Discharge * * * .

Thos. Bartlet
in behalf of the Petitioner—"

He asked that the depreciation of his pay might be made up.—Ed.]

[R. 3-77] [*Relative to Samuel Trickey, Soldier.*]

The petition of Jonathan Clark of Northwood Esqr Humbly Sheweth That the Town of Northwood in the year 1778 in obedience to the orders of the general court did hire one Samuel Trickey an inhabitant of said Town, to serve two years in the Continental army—that when the returns of the Soldiers was called for by the State from the several towns, the said town of Northwood neglected to return said Soldier—that the town of Nottingham claimed & returned him, though they paid him no bounty & had their full quota without him— * * *

Concord 17th June A. D. 1786—

Jon^{a} Clark
in behalf of the town of Northwood

[He asked to have the matter rectified, which was granted, Stoten Tuttle and Nath'l Goodhue, selectmen of Nottingham, consenting thereto.—Ed.]

[8-136] [*Petition for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

The petition of us Subscribers Sheweth that Whereas Jonathan Jenness Esqr was Reappointed of Late a Justice of the Peace in the Parish of Northwood in Said County But Neglects or Rather Declines to be Qualifyed in Said Office according to Law and we think it Very necessary that there Should be one appointed in Said Parish And upon Deliberate Consideration we Recommend to Your Notice Captain Joseph Demerit as a Sutable Man for a Justice of the Peace in Said Parish hereby Showing our Request that he may be appointed to Said office as soon as may be So Desireth and Prayeth Your Humble Petitioners—

Northwood November Y^{e} 10th 1785

Increas Batchelder	Jon knight	Shurborn Darborn
Natha^{ll} Garland	Samuel Batchelder	Nicholas Blake
john johnson	Eliger Caswell	Enoch Pilsbury
Simeon Johnson	Stephen Rawliangs	Joshua Furbur
Daves Batchelder	Thomas Caswell	William Prescott
Simon Batchelder	Recherd Caswell	Joseph york
abraham Batchelder	Ebnezer Banack	Samuel Giles
Ebenezer Dirgorn	John Shurborn	Moses Hoyt
Simon godfree	Daved Knoles	Henry Batchelder
James godfree	Samuel Shurborn	Moses Godfree
Samuel Durgin	Nickles D Hill	John Bickford
L^{t} william wollais	Simeon knowles	Eliphalet Duda

Jonathan Batchelder	Jonathan Calley	John Batchelder
Hanson hight	Nathaniel Derborn	Joseph Caswell
Benjamin Johnson Junor	Thoˢ Piper	John Kilborn
	Nathaniel Piper	Asahel Blake
Daniel Hoit	Josiah Durgin	Ebenezer knolton
Joseph Shaw	Moses morris	Joseph Durgorn
Ebenezer Durgin Juner	Nathaniel Philbrick	James Stevnes James
	Sherbun Blake	Samuel Brown
John Dirgorn	Phillip kelley	Stephen Hoit
Thomas Randel	Joseph Shute	James Dirborn
Robert Morrison	Jonathan Blake	
Thomas Knolton	Jacob Swain	

[8–141] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the Baptist Society: addressed to the General Court.*]

Sheweth that they have Regularly and Statedly Assembled togeather for the Worship of God on the Sabbeth and other Days Set apart by the authorty for Divine worship and according to the Dictates of Conscience as a Church and Society have Set under the preaching and other ordenances of the Gospel and your petitinors further Say that they have Voluntarily as a Society built a meating house and Have at their own Expence ordained a minister Who has for many years past Labourd with them as their Spiritual Guide: your petitionors therefore Pray that an act may be passd to Incorporate them and their Successors as a Distinct Society under the Denomination of the first Baptist Society in Northwood and that they may be Invested with full power to transact any matter or things which may be Necessary in organizing Said Society with also of Choosing wordends and a Colector or of Assessing money or any other officer they may think fit and your petitionors further pray that mʳ Increase Batchelder may be authorized to notify the first meating of Said Society after it Shall have been Incorporated as aforsaid, and your petitionors in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

Northwood December 5th in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Seven

Solomon ———	John lesle Jun	John Furber
Elijah carswell	Samuel hull	Moses Furber
James Pilsbury	thomas knowlton	Noah Hill
Increas Batchelder	Samuel Batchelder	William Wollais
Joshua Furbur	Zaccheus Taylor	Green morrill
John Batchelder	Jonathan Taylor	eleaser Watson
James Batchelder	William knolton	John Watson
James Weir	Benjamin Stokes	huchins Watson
Joseph Demerit	David knolton	Daniel Hoitt

Paul Demeritt	Joseph Shaw	Philip Hoitt
Joseph Demerit Junr	John Dergin	Benj^{a} Hoit
Moses Demeritt	John Dergin Jun	Thomas Furber
Eliphalet Taylor	Jonathan knowlton	Joseph ———
John Chesle	abraham Batchelder	Jedidiah Weeks
Richard Hull	Samuel Batchelder Jun	Roland morgon
William Hull		

[The petitioners were directed to notify the selectmen of a hearing at the next session.—Ed.]

[8–137] [*Remonstrance to the foregoing.*]

To the Hon^{bl} Senate and Hous of Representatives Conven^{d} At Concord on the twenty first Day of this Ins^{t} November 1798

We the Subscribers Inhabitents of Northwood Did here to fore with a Number of our Breatherin Belonging to the Baptist Society in Northwood Pertetion to be Incorporated As a Baptist Society in Said Northwood to which it was Not granted we the Subscribers Understand there is now A Pertetion Before youer Honnors by a Number of Pertetioners Belonging to Said Society in Said Northwood to be Incorporated as the first Baptist Society in Northwood—

Which youer Subscribers & Humble Pertetioners think if granted will take away ouer Property and Priveledges In Sevarel Respects viz—

Mr Pilsburey who for a Number of years hath ben ouer Minestor and hath Bin In Fellowship with other Baptist Churches in Sosation is now Changed his Princepels and Become what is Called a Universlor and is not In fellow Ship with the Baptist Churches and that tha Do Still Imploy Mr Pilsbury to Preach in the Meateing House to Which we Can not Unite with them we youer Pertetionors being Proprietors and Holders in Part of Said House & other Property tha Being a Majorrity of Said Society Should tha Be Incorporated we must be Cut of from ouer Priveledge As we Do Still hold ouer Selves members of the Baptist Society and not Universalors

Wherefor we Humble Pray that Said Pertetion may Not be granted

moses Johnson
Jon^{a} Calley
Samuel Cook
Daniel French
Simeon knowles
thomis Rolings
samuel Durgin

[In H. of Rep., June 12, 1798, the petition for an incorporation of the Baptist society was granted. Senate concurred next day.—Ed.]

[8–138] [*Petition relative to laying out a Road, 1788: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly shews the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Northwood, that by an Act of the Legislature of this State, pass'd last year, a Committee was appointed & impower'd, to lay out a Highway from the Province Road, (so call'd) in Barnstead, to the Country Road in Northwood, that since that time, said Highway has been laid out, and clear'd, which greatly accommodates Travellers, as well as teams passing from the North West part of this State, to Portsmouth and many other places; That the Road from Northwood to the great Bridge, over Exeter River, leading from Newmarket to Stratham, is very crooked and in many places might by small alterations be made not only shorter, but laid on Land much firmer, and better, for a Highway, and that all the necessary alterations may be made with out any or but a trifling expence, in purchasing Land for the same; if there was a Committee appointed, to lay it out and carry it into Effect

Wherefore, your Petitioners request, that Jonathan Clark Esqr of Northwood, Jonathan Cilley Esqr of Nottingham, and Capt Josiah Bartlet of Lee, may be appointed and authorized by an Act of this State, to lay out said Highway, and execute the same, from where the aforesaid Committee finish'd in Northwood, to the aforesaid Bridge in Newmarket, and to make Such Alterations by changing the Highway, or otherwise, as may by them be deem'd necessary to make the same shorter, and better; and to lay it out at least three Rods wide the whole way.

And that, as soon as the Committee shall have laid out said Highway, and served the Select Men of the several and respective Towns and Parishes thr^{o} which the same shall pass, with a Copy of their said laying out; That said Towns or Parishes may become liable to such Penalties, as your Honours may think necessary for their neglect of making the same passable as soon as may be—

December 15th 1788

Bradb^{y} Cilley	Samuel Sherburn	John Wille
Samuel Brown	N: Dudly Hill	Nicholas Blake
Sherbun Blake	John Harvey	Joshua Furbur

Asahel Blake	William Smith	Jacob Swain
Eliphalet Duda	Samuel Bartlet	William Clough
Joshua Hoit	John Crockett	John gile
Ebenezer Durgin	Samuel Johnson	John Wiggin
John Neley	Taylor Clark	Jonathan Sanborn
John Crockett Jr	Natl Keniston	Benjamin Hoit
Benjamin Hill	Nathaniel Piper	Jonathan Hill
Samuel Crockett	joseph york	Henry Butler
Levi Meed	William Buzel	Benjamin Butler
Abraham Batchelder	David knowles	John D. Williams
Samuel Hill	Joseph Leathers	

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 5, 1789, the men named in the foregoing were authorized to make a survey and report, which they did as follows:—Ed.]

[8–139] [*Report of Committee on the foregoing.*]

Pursuant to appointment, & in obedience to a Vote of the Legislature, we have proceeded to survey said Road in the Petition mentioned—& have agreed to report that said Road might be much altered for the better, by changing it agreably to the prick'd lines in the plan herewith exhibited, as it is much better Ground & considerably lessens the distance.

All which is humbly Submitted

Jona Cilley
Jona Clark } Committee
J. Bartlet

[The plan mentioned is No. 140 in manuscript volume.—Ed.]

NOTTINGHAM.

The township of Nottingham, embracing the territory now in Northwood and Deerfield in addition to that which remains in the town, was granted May 10, 1722. The most of the grantees were residents of Boston and Newbury, Mass., and desired to name the town New Boston. Why it received its present name instead is unknown.

The first proprietors' meeting was held at the house of Maj. John Gilman, in Exeter, June 13, 1722.

The plan of the "centre square" was completed March 31, 1724, which was laid out substantially as it is at present. It is known as Nottingham Square, and is one of the pleasantest locations in the state.

January 8, 1766, the south-west part of the town was severed, and incorporated into a town named Deerfield. The north-west part of the town was taken off, and incorporated into the town of Northwood, February 6, 1773.

Nottingham was represented in the Revolution by many able and brave men, among whom may be mentioned Dr. Henry Dearborn, who was at Bunker Hill, and in most of the battles of the war. He succeeded Scammel as colonel of the Third N. H. Reg't in 1781; was secretary of war, 1801–1809; major-general, 1812, 1813; in congress two terms; minister to Portugal, 1822–1824; died in Roxbury, Mass., June 6, 1829.

Col. Joseph Cilley, born in 1734, and died in 1799, was in command of the First N. H. Reg't at Bemis's Heights, which was conspicuous for the bravery of its commander and men. He was in most of the battles from Saratoga to Yorktown.

The following Nottingham men were in the First N. H. Regiment:

James Beverly, entered January 4, 1777, discharged December, 1781.

Benjamin Butler, entered March 5, 1777, discharged March 20, 1780.

Josiah Clark,* entered May 9, 1779, discharged November 20, 1781.

Thomas George, entered January 1, 1777, discharged January 25, 1780.

Thomas Harvey,† entered June 1, 1779, discharged December, 1781.

John P. Hilton, entered January 1, 1777, discharged February 1, 1779.

Benjamin McAllister,* entered January 1, 1777, discharged March 7, 1778.

Paul McCoy,† entered April 25, 1779, discharged December, 1781.

Bradstreet Mason,† entered January 8, 1779, discharged December, 1781.

John Pike, entered January 1, 1777, discharged January, 1779.

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* Died in the service. † Served also in the year 1782.

James Rendall, entered January 1, 1777, discharged ———.

Nathan Rendall, entered January 1, 1777, discharged ———.

William Willey,* entered January 1, 1777, discharged December, 1781.

Joseph York,* entered March 1, 1777, discharged December, 1781.

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[Rev. Papers, p. 275]

A List of the Men Now in the Sarvice that Ingaged for the Town of Nottingham before the year 1778 Viz.

In the Cavilry

Bradbury Mills

In the Infintry

Thoˢ Hall	Moses Davis	Joseph York
Joseph Neally	Thoˢ Welsh	Matthias Welsh
Nicholas Leathers	Nathˡ Randel	William Willey

Ingaged by the Town in 1779,

Josiah Clark	John Clark	Jesse Clark
Broadstreet Mason	William Simpson	Paul McCay
Samuel Trickey		

Ingaged in the year 1780

Joseph Avery	Richard Sandborn
James Harvey	Samuel York

Ingaged from Nottingham for Lee in 1777

Benjª Welsh

1779 for Pembrook Thoˢ Harvey

1779 for Nottingham Joseph Hall
Jonathan Morgin

Thoˢ Bartlet for and in behalf of Nottingham

* Served also in the year 1782.

[8–142] [*A Petition of sundry Presbyterians to be joined to Windham: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

The Humble Petition of Joseph Caldwell of the District of Nottingham in said Province in behalf of himself and James Gibson John Mitchell John Caldwell James Warson Robert Evans Daniel Dugglas Hugh Richey and Thomas Richey all of the same Place Shews

That Your Petitioners having been Educated according to the Principles of the Kirk of Scotland are Presbyterians by Profession and Desireous of Communion with a Church of that Denomination which there is in the Parish of Windham about four Miles Distant from the Place of Your Petitioner's habitation.

That the People of the said District are Divided in Sentiments Respecting Ministerial and Parochial Affairs and besides are of a Different Opinion Concerning Points of Worship and Discipline from Your Petitioners and therefore they cannot be Desireous of joining together in one Parish—

Wherefore Your Petitioners Humbly Pray that they may be Poll'd off to the said Parish of Windham with their families & Estates & and added to that Parish—and thereby be Exempted from any Concern as to Religious Ministerial & Parochial matters with the said Inhabitants of the said District or any Incorporation that may hereafter be made there and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Joseph Caldwell

[8–144] [*Relative to Town Line, 1756.*]

This May Certify whom it may Concern that we the Selectmen of ye town of Notting^m^ this present year are Informed that ye Select Men or Committee of Durham hath been Runing the Line between Dover and Notting^m^ without Notifying us and intends to have it Confirmed at ye General Court which we apprehend Not faire for had we known we wou'd been Radey to have waited upon them—

Nottingham January ye 12th 1756

Robert Kellse } Select Men of
franceis Harvey } Nottingham

[8–145] [*Trouble at Town-Meeting, 1753: Petition addressed to the Assembly.*]

Shews—

That at the Annual Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town there happened Considerable Contention & Debate among the

Voters about the Choice of proper Officers, Especially a Town Clerk and the old Clerk Refusing to Act after a New one was Chosen, & there being no Justice of the Peace there to Swear him, neither of them woud Act, and So no Entry was made after the Choice of a Moderator of the Proceedings of the Meeting—That this Contention & Wrangling Spent away the time till Late in the Evening, and the meeting broke up without having Chosen any Town Officer but the Clerk and without any Adjournment. but the next day a Number of the Voters Casually Meeting, adjournd to the first Day of May then next.

That your Petitioners upon advisement Conceive, that adjournment cant be good, as the Meeting at which it was made was a Meer accidental Assembly, not Connected with nor Derived from any Legal Meeting, and as none of the Officers will be Chosen (Shoud they proceed) Agreeable either to Law or the Charter of Said Town

That in Case their proceeding at the Said Adjournment Coud by any Construction be Supported (which they See no Colour for) yet as Disputes about the necessary Town affairs, are always prejudicial to the People, Especially in New Settlements, it appears to Your Petitioners, at least to be Prudent to take away all Grounds for the Same—Wherefore Your Petitioners Humbly Pray that in Your Great Wisdom & Goodness, you woud be pleased to Interpose your Authority in this Case, and by an Act or Resolve (as Shall be Judgd Necessary) order a New Town Meeting, & appoint Some Prudent Suitable Person to Call & Govern the Same giving the usual time for Notifying the End & Design as well as place for holding the Same—or Grant Such other Relief in the Premises as you Shall Upon the whole matter Judge best and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray &c—

Willam raa	John Radman	John Batlet
James morrison	Israel Blake	Caleb Burly
Willam m^{c}Crles	Abraham Scales	John masen
Rice Rowel	David Glass	John Shaw
And^{w} Simpson	Samuel Langley	John Nelley
David Morrison	Robert kellse	Beniman fox
Daniel Davis	James glass	James Kelley
William Kelso	Edward Bean Juner	John Hix
matthew neley	georg Bean	Samoull Hix
William Morrison	moses Blasdel	James Bean
Benj^{a} Shaw	Joseph Pener	David Clifford
William Nelley	thomas Berley	Thomas Simpson
Francis Harvey		

[In H. of Rep., May 3, 1753, the petition was granted,

and Joshua Peirce was appointed to call a meeting, of which he was to be moderator.—Ed.]

[8–146] [*Vote of Town relative to Minister Rates, 1759.*]

At a meeting of the Prop^{s} of Nottingham held at the meeting house in said Town on ye 3^{d} day of July 1759

Voted That Peter Gilman & Nathaniel Peirce Esq^{rs} and Doct^{r} Daniel Rogers. be a Com^{tte} To make applycation to the Generall Court for a Tax of three pence p^{r} acre New Tenor to be Laid upon all the Lands in notting ham Eccepting the Rights Granted for a Parssonage and School and to Enable the proprietors by an act To asses. and Collect the Same, and when the Money is Collected To be paid to Peter Gilman Esqr Proprieters Treasurer And that he pay of Said Sum Twenty Three hundred Pounds old Tenor To the Revd Mr Butler, Minister of Nottingham, to Discharge so much of what the Town obliged themselves by Vote to pay Said Mr Butler on his Settlement in Said Town and the Remaining part to be paid for Charges and Accoumpts as shall be allowed by the proprieters, or by Committees appointed by them for the Settlements of such Accoumpts—

a True Coppy from Notting^{m} Propriet^{rs} Book of Records

attes^{t} Peter Gilman Prop^{rs} Clark

[R. 3–82] [*Petition of Robert Mason, Soldier, 1760.*]

[In a petition dated January 14, 1760, "Robert Mason of Nottingham Labourer," stated that he "was a Soldier in the Crown Point Expedition in the year 1756," "in the Company whereof John Shepard was Captain & as such proceeded to Fort William Henry where being out with said Captain upon a scout was made a Prisoner & carried to Canada where he Remained till after the Reduction of Quebec & was then sent back to Crownpoint with the Prisoners that were Captivated at Fort Du Quesne in which captivity he was stripped of all his cloathes & suffered great hardships." He asked for an allowance, which was granted to the extent of £172, 2, 6, out of the money raised for the Crown Point expedition.—Ed.]

[R. 3–83] [*Petition of Israel Blake, 1761.*]

[In a petition, dated Nottingham, January 20, 1761, Israel Blake stated that his son "Israel Blake Junr was out in y^{e}

army Last Campaign," and that he was taken sick. He wanted pay for the expense of going after him.—Ed.]

[8–147] [*Vote relative to a Division of the Town, 1765.*]

This is to Notifye and Warn all the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Nottingham Qualifyed by law to vote in the Town Affairs to meet at the Meeting House in Said Nottingham on the third Thursday of this Instant april at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.—

First To Chuse a Moderator—

Secondly To See if then present voters will think Proper to set off the Southwesterly Corner In Nottingham so called as a Destinct Parish According to the Following Boundaries viz To Begin at the Bounds between the 9th and 10th Lots In the first Range And to Extend to the Head Line in said Nottingham. Then to begin At the bounds between the 21st and 22^{d} Lots In the second Range and to Extend to the said Head Line of Nottingham and Likewise to Include the whole of the 3^{d} 4th 5th and 6th Ranges of the 3^{d} Division so called in said Nottingham with the Lands & Settlers on the westerly side of plesant Pond so far as the Road Extends to Epsom Line Includeing all the Farms And Settlers on Said Epsom Road (so called) to the Head line of Nottingham as likewise the whole of the 100 acre lots in Bow Street on the Southwesterly side of Said Street Includeing Josiah Sawyers lot being the Original Lot of Archibald Macfadrix To the Head of said bow Street.

Thomas Simpson } Select
Sam^{ll} Tilton } Men

At a Town Meeting held at the Meeting house at Nottingham Agreeable to a Warrant dated the third Thursday in April 1765.

Voted That Thomas Simpson Esq serve as Moderator of said Meeting

Voted That the upper End of Nottingham be set off as a Destinct parrish Agreeable to the above Dated Warrant.—

Capt Joseph Cilley Appears In said meeting and offers his Decent against the above voted parrish being set off according to the Boundarys Specifyed In Said Warrant.

Andrew Simpson Junr	william Sanborn	Moses Davis
	Gideon Straw	Sam^{ll} Danils
Volintine Hill	Zepheniah Butler	John Keneston
David Beverly	Joseph Morrill	John Morrill Junr

Joseph Cilley Junr	Charles Gliddon	Francis Harvy
Daniel Kelley	Jonathan Crossbe	Abraham Scailes
Ebenz^{r} Paige	James Been	John Bartlet
James Morrison	Edward pevey	John Nealy
Cutting Cilley	James Kelsee	Benjamin Shaw
John Mills	Andrew Simpson	Benjamin York
Caleb Burleig	Philip Bartlett	Andrew Baker
Thomas Harvy	Joshua Trickey	Jam^{s} Kelsey
John Morrill	Nathaniel watson	

The persons above Named Appeared and made a Publick Decent against The above said vote For these Reasons viz Because the Boundarys Ware Unreasonable: and Because the vote was passed before the Inhabitants ware Generally Gathered as was Supposed and also Because that a Number of the men that then voted for said parrish ware not Legal Inhabitants nor never ware Taxed in Said Town.

A True Coppy

attest Benjamin Shepard Town Clarck

[The south-west part was set off January 8, 1766, and incorporated by the name of Deerfield.—Ed.]

[8–148] [*Vote relative to a Division of the Town, 1771.*]

Province of Newhampshire

This is to Notify & warn all the Freeholders And other Inhabitants of the Town of Nottingham Qualifyed by law to Vote in town Affairs to Assemble and Meet at the Meetinghouse In Said town on Tuesday the 26th Day of March Instant at ten of the Clock in the forenoon.

1^{t}ly To Chuse a Moderator

2^{d}ly To Chuse a town Clark, Select men, Constables And all other Town officers as the Law Directs

3^{d}ly The Third article in the warrant I here Omitt

4thly The fourth Article in this warrant I also Omitt

5thly To See if the Town will Set off all that Part of the Town above Long Street So Called as a Parish Dated at Nottingham This 11th Day of March Annoque Domini 1771

John Sherburn,
Jo^{s} Cilley Junr } Select Men
Thos Bartlet

A True Copy attest Benjamin Butler Town Clerk

at a Legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting house on tuesday the 26th Day of March A. D. 1771.

Pursuant To the above warrant

Voted that the 5th Article in the Warrant—Respecting Seting off all that Part of The Town above Longstreet So Called as a Parish Pass in the affirmative a True Copy

attest. Benjamin Butler Town Clerk

Dated at Nottingham this 10th Day of December 1771.

[8–149] [*A Petition for a Division of the Town: addressed to the General Assembly, 1771.*]

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the Town of Notingham Humbly Sheweth that many of the Inhabitants of Said Town Live at a great Distance from the meeting-house at Notingham-Square and are not able to Travil So far to attend the Publick worship of God there, Neither have we any benefit of the Schools that are kept in Said Town, altho we are obliged to pay our Proportion thereof, Wherefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray your Excellency and Honours that there may be a Parish Set off in Said Town, Agreeable to a Vote Passd in Said Town the Twenty Sixth Day of march A D 1771 Namely, all the Land in Said Town on the Northwesterly Side of Long Street (So Called) and So bounded South westerly on Deerfield Line We therefore Humbly Pray that your Excelency & honours would take our Case under your wise Consideration and Set of a Parish as afore Said with the Power and Priviledges of other Towns or Parishes in this Province and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray—

Dated at Notingham December 10th 1771

Solomon Bickford	Wiliam Precut	jeremiah dow
John Batchelder	thomas piper	john hervie
Increase Batchelder	John Sherbon	necoles Blake
Moses Godfry	henery Derborn	Samuel jonson
William Wallace	Sherbon Derborn	john Bickford
Benjamin Godfry	Levy Derborn	nathaniel moriel
Davis Batchelder	Sherborn blake	Calob clough
William Blake	johnathun clarke	mories Lamper
Daniel hoit	joseph page	

Nottingham May ye 19th 1772

This may Certify all whom it may Concern that the Select men of Nottingham are well Knowing in this affair Concerning this parish Being Sett of above Long Street for I tak'd my two Brethren a few Days ago and they Had nothing to object against

it being Established as a parish all I have to Say being one of the Select men Edmund Hodgdon—

[The portion of the town referred to in the foregoing documents was set off Feb. 6, 1773, and incorporated by the name of Northwood.—Ed.]

[8–151] [*Petition of Peter Hanson for a Divorce: addressed to the General Assembly, Feb. 12, 1778.*]

Most humbly sheweth, Peter Hanson of Nottingham in said State, that your Petitioner was born in that unhappy Quarter of the World called Africa, whose Inhabitants have been usually Stole, transported and Sold in the Markets of America like Cattle, notwithstanding they have but two legs, and are formed in the Same Image as White men. In like manner your Petitioner was bro't to this State and Sold, where by his faithfull and diligent behaviour in his Masters Service he has Obtained his freedom; and humbly presumes that by his Industry he is in a likely way not to be Unuseful to the Community. He begs leave further to shew that in the time of his Servitude he was Married to one Venus his Countrywoman and Slave to Mr Nathaniel Cooper of Dover, that by agreement with, and Consent of said Venus he has for more than one year past refrained to Cohabit with her as his wife, for the following reasons viz Because he Verily believes the making Slaves of any of the human Race is Unrighteous in the Sight of God, and a Cruel Despotick power used by one part of Mankind over another, and that his begetting Children to be and remain Slaves during their lives would be very Wicked, and for which he might deserve the Curses of such a Posterity groaning under Bondage—Also for that in his present happy State of Freedom he cannot have any Comfort in the Conjugal State with a person who is a Slave and cannot reside with him or Even so much as Speak to him without leave from her Master or Mistress, which he has been formerly denied and he not Suffered to tarry in the house with her.

Wherefore your Petitioner most humbly prays that your Honours (who have so nobled Strugled in the Cause of Natural Liberty) will take his case into your wise Consideration, and relieve him from being tied to a Slave, under the Temptation of begetting Slaves, and liberate him by dissolving the Bonds of Matrimony between him and the said Venus. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray most fervently

his
Peter P Hanson
mark

[In H. of Rep., Aug. 20, 1778, a hearing was ordered for the next session of the legislature; but the matter did not come before the next or probably any subsequent legislature.—Ed.]

[R. 3-84] [*Petition of John McCoy, Marine, 1779.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honble Council & Assembly of said State—

Humbly Shews John M^c^Coy of Nottingham in the State aforesaid that he Entered as a Marine on Board the Continental Frigate Raleigh Capt Thomas Thompson Commander and Continued on Board during her first Cruise That on the 4th of Septem^r^ 1777 in an Engagement between the s^d^ Raleigh and the British Sloop of War Druid he received a grape shot a little below his hip Bone which has never been Extracted, by means of which he is wholly rendered incapable of any sort of labour to maintain himself hath suffered great pain, and been at very considerable Expense to Surgeons to obtain a Cure, but has found very little relief—wherefore he prays he may receive the Benefit promised by Congress to persons in such Cases, and he will ever pray—

Nottinghman June 17th 1779

his
John × M^c^Coy
mark

[R. 3-85]

[In H. of Rep., Nov. 17, 1779, "John Whitehorn a Soldier in Col^o^ Wigglesworth Regiment who was wounded at Ticonderoga and has lost the use of his knee," was enrolled for half pay from Dec. 1, 1776, until further orders.—Ed.]

[R. 3-86] [*Petition of Anna Thomas: addressed to the General Court, 1781.*]

The Humble Petition of Anna Thomas of Nottingham in the county of Rockingham and State aforesaid Widdow Sheweth that your Petitioner's Late Husband Lieu^t^ Joseph Merrill Thomas Entered into the Service of the United States Early in the year 1775 and Continued in said Service untill the Battle at Bemoses Hights on the Nineteenth of Sepr 1777 in which Battle he Lost his Life while Fighting in Defence of his Country

and left your Petitioner with a Large Family of Young Children almost Destitute of any Support.

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Nottingham Jan^{r} 22 : 1781

Anna Thomas

[She asked for half pay, in accordance with a law of congress, which was granted.—Ed.]

[R. 3–87] [*Soldier's Receipt, 1781.*]

Nottingham July 5th 1781.

Received of John Chesley one of the Constables for the Town of Nottingham Six hundred and one Pound fifteen Shillings towards my wages as a Soldier in Capt Raynolds Company on the western frontiers I Say Receivd Pr

Josiahr goodhue

[R. 3–88] [*Deposition of Aaron Hayes, relative to Joseph Hall, 1782.*]

The Deposition of Aaron Hayes of Lawful age, who Testifyes and Sayes that to his Knowledg Joseph Hall a Soldier in one of the Newhampshire Regiments in the Continental army was an Inhabitant of Nottingham for a Number of years before he went into the army and that he lived in the Town of Nottingham when he Inlisted for the Town of Barrington for the term of one year and I have heard it said by a Number of Parsons that the Town of Barrington for sometime Refused for to pay him his hire because he had Inlisted during the war for the Town of Nottingham and further Saith Not

Aaron Hayes

[R. 3–89 is a similar deposition by Nicholas Leathers, who states that he was a soldier with Hall at Reading, Conn. Both were sworn before Thomas Bartlett.—Ed.]

[8–152] [*Petition for a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Nottingham in said State humbly shews, that a large proportion of the Inhabitants of said Town, labour un-

der a great Disadvantage in transacting many kinds of Business wherein the aid or presence of a Magistrate is necessary; their detached Situation, & the length and roughness of the Way making it very inconvenient and Troublesome, to attend on every such Occasion, at the South part of said Town, in which part only Justices have yet been appointed—

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly beg Liberty to recommend to Excellency's & Honour's Notice, Capt Moses Dame of said Town, as a Person, whom we think suitable for a Justice of Peace, and one whom we conceive is agreable to the People in General; and humbly pray your Excellency & honours to take the same under Consideration, & that he may be Appointed & commissioned accordingly—& your petitioners shall pray—

Nottingham 2^{d} June 1785—

Jacob Burnham	moses Davis iuner	John m^{c}Crilles
Israel Randel	Job Langley	Samuel Daniels
Abednego Leathers	John Bowen	Andrew wille
John Randel	Daniel young	Jonathan wille
mason Rendel	Abner Davis	Stoten Tuttle
Edm^{d} Hodgdon	Roberd Davis	Samuel Burnham
Benjamin Stokes	Jonathan Davis	Joseph Leathers
Nathaniel Chesley	David Davis	mark whidden
Robert Hill	Joseph Priest	John Chesley
Samuel trickey	thomas whitehorn	Daniel Elkins
Jacob Davis	quilk preast	thomas lines
Charles furnel	Isaac Spencer	Jonathan Randel
ham Libey	Aaron Hayes	James Kelsey
Moses Davis	Solomon hayes	Joseph Davis
John giles	Samuel Gray	John follet
Abel Leathers	Caleb Follet	Thomas furnel
Jonathan Davis	Andrew Chesley	Joshua Drew
Juner	Samuel Dam	miles hodston
John Davis	John gile	Thomas Welch
John keneson	Vowel Leather	Nathanael Goodhue
Charles wille	William Lowry	

[8–153] [*Vote relative to Paper Currency, 1785.*]

Rockingham ss At a Legal Town Meeting heald at the Meetinghouse in the Town of Nottingham on the Seventeenth Day of October 1785 agreeable to a Warrent for that Purpose.

Voted that it is the opinion of this Town that the General Court be Desired for to Make a paper Currency on the Best footing that they in there Great wisdom May think best, and it

is further the opinion of this Town that if the General Court Should Make a Paper Currency that it should be founded upon Real Estate and be put on a Low Intrest, and that the Town Clark be Directed for to Transmit a Coppy of this Vote to the General Court at there Next Sessions to be holden at Concord

a True Coppy attest—Thomas Bartlet Town Clk

[For legislative action, see Atkinson papers, Vol. XI.—Ed.]

ORANGE.

The township was granted Feb. 6, 1769, to Isaac Fellows and others, by the name of Cardigan, which name had been applied to the locality some years before.

The inhabitants petitioned several times to have the town incorporated, viz.: In 1779 by the name of Bradford; in 1783 by the name of Middleton; in 1789 by the name of Liscomb, which name was crossed out in the petition and Orange inserted. June 18, 1790, the town was incorporated by its present name. By an act approved Dec. 13, 1804, a portion of Orange was annexed to Hebron, and a portion of Hebron was annexed to Orange. The last named act was amended Dec. 2, 1808, and the line between the two towns established.

A portion of this town was annexed to the town of Alexandria, Dec. 6, 1820.

[8–154] *Petition of Simeon Olcott for a grant of Cardigan: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

Most humbly Shews

That there is a Tract of his Majesty's Unappropriated Land lying within this Province not heretofore granted, known by the name of Cardigan, Bounded Westerly on Canaan Southerly on Grafton Easterly on the Patent line (so called) and Northerly on Cockermouth.

And Your Petitioner and his Associates being Desirous of making an Immediate Settlement on the Premises which he apprehends contains about Six Miles square,

Most humbly Pray

Your Excellency and Honors to make them a Grant of the

same under the usual or such Restrictions Conditions and Reservations as Your Excellency and Honors in your great Wisdom shall Judge meet. And Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray &c^{ra}

Portsmouth September 15th 1768

Simeon Olcott for himself & Associates

Ordered to lay.

[8–155] [*Petition of Isaac Fellows aud John Larrabee for a grant of Cardigan: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

humbly shews

That y^{r} Petitioners, & their Associates are desirous of setling upon some of his Majestys unimproved Lands within this Government and having found a Tract for that Purpose known by the Name of Cardigan never as yet (as your Petitioners are informed) granted to any Persons

And Your Petitioners humbly beg Leave to Assure y^{r} Excellency & Honours that if they can be indulged with a Township of six Miles square on said Tract of Land, they and their Associates will immediately apply themselves to settle the same with a number of families as soon as the same can be laid out —And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Isaac Fellows
John Larrabee

Portsm^{o} Octr 19th 1768

[The township was granted to the foregoing petitioners and their associates Feb. 6, 1769.—Ed.]

[*From Gen. Chase's Papers, page 93, Library of N. H. Historical Society.*]

To Col^{o} Jonathan Chase Esqr—

Sir—In obedience to your orders for drafting of one fourth part of The Malitia under My Command to Complete The Regiment Raising for 2 Months &c I have Drafted Serjant Joseph Basford and Leut. Elijah Cady & Eliheu Corlis Turned oute Voluntaryly and have Ordered Them to March to The place of Rendezvous fourth with—from your Humb^{l} Ser^{t}

Joseph Kinne Capt

Cardigan 28th July A D 1777

[Ibid, page 151]

A return of the men who marched from Cardigan Showing the time they were in the Service

Carracter	Names	Time they entered service	Time when Returned	Duration
Lieu[t]	Abel Wilder	September 30	October 25	26 Days
Corporal	Joseph Kinney	Ditto	Ditto	
fifer	Daniel Kinney	Ditto	Ditto	
Private	Simion Parkhurst	Ditto	Ditto	
Ditto	Thandius ornes	Ditto	Ditto	
one Pack horse 26 days				

Abel Wilder Lieu[t]

[Ibid, page 164]

Sir you have sent to me Raise our Quoto of Contenental Men and gave orders for y[e] Select Men to assist and to give the Men two Hundred Dollors apece Now Sir I would Inform you that this Town is not Incorporated therefore we have no Ethorety we have no Select Men No Treasury to Draw the Money out of—Nither have I one Commssion ofiser to help Me to Raise the Men or to pay the Money—Thairfore I Desire to be Excused—also I am ordered to Render an account of the Number of Men in the train band thair is thurteen that the Law Requirs to have arms and four in the alaram list—
Sir I am in the 63 year of my age and full of Infarmitys and discouragments and not Capable of taking Care of my one bisness tharfore I desire to be Excused—Sir I Resine my Commision and If you think it worth it will be to any purpos to Send to this poor place for Men thair must be a new Set of ofisers apointed for the burden is two grait for me

from your humble Sarvent

Joseph Kinne

Cardagan August 10 1779
To Coll Jonathon Chase

[8–156] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Cardigan to be incorporated, etc.: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly Shew—

That your Petitioners and other inhabitants of the afores[d] Town of Cardigan have Ben Sent to for Very Large taxes time and again and Not Being under any Capacity to Raise or Collect the same for Want of propper authority; we Cannot Call a Legal town meeting nor Chuse a Legal offecer: it is true we have presumed to Warn meeting and Chuse town officers:

finally we have presumed to tax the inhabitants persuant to the precepts Received in ye years 1777 & 1778 and Delivered the Rate Bills to the Constables and Collectors and taken their Receipts theirfor But all to No purpose—

Theirfore We the Subscribers your humble petitioners Pray that your Honn^rs^ Would take it into your Wise Consideration and Grant us an Incorporation that We might Be able to answer the Demands of our Legeslature finally that we may Be intitled to all the priveliges of the other Incorporated Towns in This State: further We Humbly Begg that your Honnours Would appoint us a Justice of Peace for the Wellfair and Good order of our town Beg Leave to inform your Honn^rs^ that the Greatest part of the town is Dissatisfied With the Name That it Now Bears Theirfore pray your Honn^rs^ to Give it the name of Bradford or Warwick all Which your humble Petitioners in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

Cardigan Decem^r^ ye 21st 1779

John Parkhurst	Semeion Packharst	Jonathan Hoyt
Joseph Kinne	Jonathan atherton	David Ames
Sameull Burditt	Thomas Burditt	Isereal Hoyt

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 12, 1780, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[8–157] [*Petition of the Selectmen relative to assessing Taxes: addressed to the General Court, Jan. 26, 1780.*]

Humbly Shew that where as About Three years agoe the Honourable Cort was Pleas^d^ to Authorise Capt Caleb Clark to open a meeting in said Town in order to Inable us to Lavy And Collect Taxes for s^d^ State where fore we desire your Honours would Impower the Inhabitents of S^d^ Town with previledges of other Towns In Regard of Colleting ther Taxes for the Tarm of Three years more And we your Humble petitioners in duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Jabez B. Barney
Wm Arwen
Benj^a^ Briggs
} Selectmen

An Inventory of The Real Estate of the Non-resident Proprietors mening their Hundred acer Lots togeather With 100 acer Lots Belonging to the Inhabitants

	acer	No		Price
James M^c^Hurd Esqr	100	Lot 32	Range 7 South	£14
Nath^ll^ Rogers Esqr	100	D° 25	Range 5 D°	14
Eben^r^ Brown	D°	Lot 16	Range 2 D°	14

	acer	No		Price
Ebenr Craft	Do	Lot 11	Range 1 Do	14
Isaac Fellows	Do	Lot 10	Range 1 Do	14
Jesse Spaulding Jur	Do	Lot 9	Range 1 Do	15
Robt Washburn	Do	Lot 8	Range 1	15
Thos Gray	Do	Lot 6	Range 1	14
Willm Ferriman	Do	Lot 3	Range 1	12
Alex Miller	Do	Lot 2	Range 1	14
Ebenr Child	Do	Lot 1	Range 1	14
Samll Addams	Do	Lot 37	Range 2	14
Jacob Fellows	Do	Lot 38	Range 3	12
Ephraim Jones	Do	Lot 39	Range 3	12
John Larrabe	Do	Lot 1	Range 1 North	14
Joshua Dunlap	Do	Lot 2	Range 1	12
Ezekiel Pierce	Do	Lot 3	Range 1	12
Elishe Payne	Do	Lot 4	Range 1	12
Curtiss Spaulding	Do	Lot 5	Range 1	14
Eliphalet Dyer	Do	Lot 6	Range 1	14
Arther Morey	Do	Lot 7	Range 1	14
Ephraim Spaulding Jur	Do	Lot 8	Range 1	12
Timothy Larrabe	Do	Lot 9	Range 1	12
Daniel Ringe Esqr	Do	Lot 10	Range 1	12
Simon Fobes	Do	Lot 11	Range 1	12
Nemiah Stevens	Do	Lot 14	Range 1	14
Daniel Foster	Do	Lot 15	Range 1	14
Richard Smith	Do	Lot 16	Range 2	15
Wm Darby	Do	Lot 17	Range 2	14
George Wintworth	Do	Lot 18	Range	12
Wilm Fernam	Do	Lot 19	Range 2	14
Thos Stevens	Do	Lot 20	Range 2	12
Jabez Ensworth	Do	Lot 21	Range 2	12
Samll Chandler	Do	Lot 22	Range 2	12
Nathll Pierce	Do	Lot 23	Range 3	12
Andrew Backus	Do	Lot 24	Range 3	12
Richard Sattington Esqr	Do	Lot 25	Range 3	12
Benja Hurd	Do	Lot 26	Range 3	12
Benja Cary	Do	Lot 27	Range 3	12
Samll Drown	Do	Lot 29	Range 3	12
John Cady	Do	Lot 28	Range 3	12
Daniel Payne Jur	Do	Lot 30	Range 4	14
Wm Whiting Esqr	Do	Lot 31	Range 4	14
James Bradford	Do	Lot 32	Range 4	14
Very Roise	Do	Lot 33	Range 4	12
John Green	Do	Lot 34	Range 4	12
Joseph Shepard	Do	Lot 35	Range 4	12
Daniel Warner	Do	Lot 36	Range 4	12
David Shepard	Do	Lot 37	Range 5	12

	acer	No		Price
Elkanah Cobb	Dº Lot	38	Range 5	12
Wᵐ Barns Esqʳ	Dº Lot	39	Range 5	12
John Pierce	Dº Lot	40	Range 5	14
Elkanah Cobb Juʳ	Dº Lot	41	Range 5	14
Joseph Eaton	Dº Lot	42	Range 5	14
Samˡˡ Gray	Dº Lot	43	Range 5	14
Elisha Pirkins	Dº Lot	44	Range 6	14
Zadock Spaulding	Dº Lot	45	Range 6	14
Ichabod Omsby	Dº Lot	46	Range 6	14
Jesse Spaulding	Dº Lot	47	Range 6	12
John Fuller	Dº Lot	48	Range 6	12
Ephraim Spaulding	Dº Lot	49	Range 6	12
Thomˢ Simmes	Dº Lot	50	Range 6	12
Nathan Waldo	Dº Lot	51	Range 7	12
Abiel Leonard	Dº Lot	52	Range 7	12
James Brown	Dº Lot	53	Range 7	12
Benjª Spaulding	Dº Lot	54	Range 7	12
Samˡˡ Adams Juʳ	Dº Lot	55	Range 7	14
John Douglass	Dº Lot	56	Range 7	14
Bery Clark	Dº Lot	57	Range 7	14
Samˡˡ Chandler	Dº Lot	58	Range 8	14
John Windal	Dº Lot	59	Range 8	14
John Williams	Dº Lot	60	Range 8	12
David Payne	Dº Lot	61	Range 8	12
Verny Fellows	Dº Lot	62	Range 8	12
Ebenʳ Paine	Dº Lot	63	Range 8	12
Isaac Coit	Dº Lot	13	Range 1	12
Andrew Spaulding	Dº Lot	12	Range 1	10*
George hodges	Dº Lot	12 South	Range 1	10*
Daniel Paine	Dº Lot	7 South	Range 1	12
Theodor Atkinson	Dº Lot	18	Range 2	14
Joseph Spaulding	Dº Lot	21	Range 3	10*

The Lots mening 100 acer Lots Number 13 : 14 : 15 : 17 : 19 : 20 : 22 : 23 : 24 : 26 : 27 : 28 : 29 : 30 : 31 : 33 : 34 : 35 : 36 Belong To the inhabitants of the town of Cardigan and the improvements Belonging to Sᵈ Lots are Carried in in the inventory of Sᵈ town of Cardigan and after Deduction of The improvements the Remaind at £10 : 0 : 0 pʳ Lot Which amounts to £190–0–0– as Was Prised By us Comteᵉ appointed By the Select men of Canaan and Sworn Before Willᵐ Ayer Just of Peace

Togeather With the other above and Within Lots as the Stand Prised in the Last Colloms in these Pages Test

Jonathan Hoyt
John Parkhurst } Comᵗ.

* The improvements out.

[*Inventory, no date.*]

No. of Poles 18 years old & upward	21
Acres of Tillage Land	8
Acres of Mowing Land	18
Acres of Pasturing Land	6
Horses & Mares	10
Colts 3 years old	1
No. of Oxen	4
No. of Cows	18
Cattle 2 years old	13
Cattle 1 year old	10

The above is an Inventory of the Poles and other Rateables of the Town of Cardigan, Taken by us the Subscribers

David Emes
Sayer Bullok } Selectmen
Wm Arvin

[8–160]

A list or Detale of the Sarvice Done in the army of the united States of America By the town of Cardigan

in the first Place 2 men (viz) Daniel Kinne & Jabez Parkhurst in the years Sarvice

2nd Seven men a tower to ticonderoga in an alarem

3^r^ thre men a tower to the Creek 2 months

4th Six men a tower to Saratoga at the taking General Burgoyn—

5^ft^ one man a tower in a Scouting Party to Coos

Furthermore Six men on the allarm to Royaltown

Test John Parkhurst Town Clerk

N: B: all this Service has Ben Done and No Remittances made Except to the first 2 men in the years Service and the three men the two months Service only What Was paid by the town of Cardigan

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[8–161] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to Taxes, etc.: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Shews—

That the General Assembly of S^d^ State in the Early Period of the late Revolution did lay a Heavy doomage on S^d^ town of Cardigan as a Rule and foundation Whereon to make the Several assessments (with the other towns in Said State)—

For the Support of the Late War &c: and accordingly Have from time to time Made their Several Levies and Demands on S^{d} town Both for men and money in support of the Wars and other Charges of Government Which We have Never Ben able to Discharge according to the Demands of S^{d} State for the following Reasons (Viz) 1st That the inhabitants of S^{d} town Being Not more than twenty Families at any time and under Very Low sircumstances Just Beginning to Settle in S^{d} town at the Commencement of the Wars have Ben put to Great Shifts and hardships to Support themselves and families and Not able to Bear any Part of the Publick Charge more than What they have Necessarily Ben obliged to do—

2nd That We Never have Ben incorporated With town Previliges and theirfore under No Capacity of Levying or Collecting any Tax in S^{d} town and Consiquently have Not Ben Represented in S^{d} Assembly

3^{d} That Notwithstand our inability have During the Wars Ben at Very Considerable Cost and Expence in Scouting and Turning out frequently on allarams upon the Northren Frontiers for all Which We have Never Ben allowed any thing—

4th That During the Wars until Lately We With other towns Have Ben Considered By Congress as Not under the immediate Jurisdiction of the State of Newhamshire as By their Resolve of the 24th of September 1779 may appear (Reference their to Being had) for Which allowances have Ben made By Congress of their Demands on S^{d} State Which has occationed the Delay in making application to your honours untill this time—

Whereupon Your Petitioners Humbly Prays your Honours To take their Cause into your Wise Consideration and Grant us Such Relief in the premices as our indigent Sircumstances Justly Call for as you in your Wisdom and Compation Shall Judge Just and Reasonable as your Petitioners in duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Dated at Cardigan the 9th Day of Decem^{r} 1783—

David Ames	Joseph Basford	jenthan Bullock
Barnabas Cady	Sayer Bullok	David Ames Junr
John Parkhurst	Joseph Gushe	Benjamin Briggs
Jonathan Hoyt	william Corliss	William Arwen

[In H. of Rep., Dec 25, 1783, "Voted that the Township of Cardigan be abated one sixth part of the Public Taxes raised since the last proportion." Senate non-concurred.—Ed.]

[8–162] [*Petition of Jonathan Hoyt, relative to taxing Non-Residents: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly sheweth
that the Inhabitants of said Cardigan are under very great disadvantage Respecting makeing and Keeping in Repair our public Roads and are unable to go through the unavoidable expence attending the same therefore the said Agent humbly prays the Proprietors of said Township may be ordered by this Court to pay the sum of Nine shillings on each original right to be appropriated for the purposes aforesaid—as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Concord Decb^{r} 20th 1783

Jonathan Hoyt agent

[8–163] [*Relative to a Road.*]

Cardigan Octr ye 19 AD 1783

We the Subscriber of the s.d Town of Cardigan Request that there may be a Road Laid out and AsStablish^{t} for the Use of the publick and the Inhabitants of s.d Town Beginning at will^{m} aldrich Mill in Grafton. Then Running Norwesterly by Cardigan East Pond from thence to Jonathan Hoyt's From thence to Jonathan Sprages from thence Through Col^{o} Dams Goer to Capt Robart Barbers farm From thence to Mr Ingrams in Dogister from Thence Through Lime to Conaticut River Which Road is loock^{d} out and Partly Cut Through

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[8–164] [*Petition of Inhabitants to be incorporated: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Shew—
That your Petitioners and other Inhabitants of the affore S^{d} town of Cardigan have Ben Sent to for taxes Very Large Time & again and Not Being under any Capacity to Raise or Collect the Same for Want of Propper authority in S^{d} town We Cannot Call a Legal town meeting Nor Chuse a Legal officer (Especially Selectmen) But Notwithstanding our inability We have presumed to Warn meeting sand Chuse town officers Finally We have Presumed to tax the Inhabitants Persuant to the Precepts Receiv^{d} in 1777 & 1778 and Delivered the Rate Bills to the Collectors and Taken their Receipts theirfor But all to No purpose—
Ergo: Your Petitioners Humbly Pray That your Honours

Would Take it into your Wise Consideration and Grant us an incorporation that We might Be Enabled To answer the Demands of our Lejeslature—

Finally that We may Be Intitled to all the Previliges that the other incorporated towns in this State are Intitled to—

all Which your Petitioners in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Dated Cardigan Decem^{r} ye 9th 1783

P : S : Would Pray your honours to incorporate the town by the Name of Middleton—

John Parkhurst	Joseph Basford	David Ames Junr
Jonathan Hoyt	William Corliss	Jonthan Bullock
David Ames	Sayer Bullock	Benjamin Brigs
Barnabas Cady	Joseph gushe	William Arwen

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 25, 1783, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[8–165] [*Petition of Inhabitants for Relief in the matter of Taxes: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Sheweth that the General assembly of S^{d} State in the Early Period of the Late Revolution did Lay a Heavy doomage on S^{d} town of Cardigan as a Rule and foundation Whereon to make the Several assessments (With the other towns in s^{d} State) for the Support of the Late War &c and accordingly Have from time to time made their Several Levies and Demands on S^{d} town Both for men and money in Support of the Wars and other Charges of Government Which We have Never Ben able to discharge according to the Demands of S^{d} State For the following Reasons (Viz)—

1^{t} That the Inhabitants of Said town Being Not more than twenty Families at any time (and Now but Sixteen) and under Very Low Sircumstances Just Beginning to Settle in S^{d} Town at the Commincement of the Late Wars have Ben Put to Great Shifts and hardships to Support ourselves and families and Not able to Bear any Part of the Publick charge more than What We have Necessarily Ben obliged to do—

2nd And that We Never have Ben as yet Incorporated With town Previleges and theirfore under No Capacity of Levying or Collecting any tax in S^{d} town and Consiquently have Not Ben Rightly Represented in S^{d} assembly Concerning the Premices

3rd But Notwithstanding our inability have During the Late War Ben at Very Considerable Cost and Expence in Scouting and Turning out frequently on allarams on the Northern Frontiers, all which We Expect to Bear—

4th That Those few inhabitants Now Dwelling in Sd town are most of them But Lately moved into Said town and having Paid up their Proportion of Taxes in the town to Which They Formerly Belonged Think it a hardship to Pay the Same Tax over again: and Likewise We the Inhabitants first setlers that have Dwelt in Sd town think ourSelves Burdned to pay the whole Tax that is Demanded of Sd town Since the Greater Part of the first Setlers have Removed and Left the town—Whereupon your Petitioners Humbly Pray your honours to take our Cause mening only the inhabitants into your Wise Consideration and Grant us Such Relief as our indigent Sircumstances Justly Call for Which is the abatement of our Back taxes or Such a part their of as you in your Wisdom and Compation Shall Judge Just and Reasonable as your Petitioners in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

John Parkhurst	Levi hoyt	Sayer Bullock
Jonathan Hoyt	Nathll Briggs	Jno W. Ames
David Eames	Benjamin Briggs	Barnebas Cady
Benjamin Sweat	Stockman Sweat	
Wm Arwen	Joseph Gushe	

[8–166] [*Petition of Inhabitants for Authority to Tax Non-Residents: addressed to the General Assembly, 1785.*]

Humbly Sheweth that We Labour under a Great Disadvantage on the counts of Rodes, the Towns being Vary Mountanus and Rough and the Inhabitents Comeing in heare Very Poor are not able to Rais there bread for there famileys to make them Comforttable. we your humble Petitioners come in to Town Expeting to have the Same previldg of other Towns the proprietors promising to Settle the Town Number of them promist to come and Settle in the town them Selves and come in and Staid while they had Drawd in a few famileys and then with Draw them Selves out of the Town and left their farms Dissolate leaving bhind them about four Setlers To Shurk for them Selves. Sence ther is a few more added to the Number. which makes in the whole fifteen famileys. and them Onley to work on the Rodes. and the bridges are So bad that It is Dangerous for a Horse to pass over them, and for the want of other Nessary Rodes to Git to other Towns. have no publick travling Through the Town. The proprietors of sd Town Cut one Rode through the town and cut it over the mountain where it is Not Used by the Inhabitents of the Town Nor for publick Travling We Your humble petitioners Desire your Honours would Establish Nine Shillings on Every Original Right in Said Town to be laid out on the Rodes to make and Repare them for

the present Year and then fore Shilling a Year untill Said Town is able to make and Repare there own Roades or untill they have as many fammilys in town as other Town when they are first Incorperated for which we Your Humble Petitioner in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

Jonathan Hoyt	William Corliss	Jonathen Bullock
Barnabas Cady	Thomas miner	William Sprage
David Emes	John Briant	Jabez B Barney
David Emes Jn^{r}	Joseph Briant	Benjamon Briggs
William Arwen	Sayer Bullock	Joseph Gushe

[8–167] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to a Magistrate: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

We your Humble petioners * * * beg Leave to inform your Honers that one mr John parkhust of s^{d} Cardigen by his one invention and with his one hand riting drew an instrement to the reprsentitives to be Nomenated to your Honers for a Justes of the peas which is not sattisfactory to the Town there fore your Humble Petioners pray that your Honers wold not apint him to that offic as we think he wold be more the disturber of the peas than apeas maker and as we are few in number and near to Esqr Airs who has alwais dun our bisnes we think it is better fror us to re main for the present as we are and that in sum futer day that we might have liberty to nominate sum sutable person to your honers and as in duty bound wold ever pray

Nathan^{ll} Bridges	Enock Sweat	William Sprage
Joseph guse	Beniaman Sweat	Jonathan Sprage
Jabes Barney	Enock Sweat Junr	William Curtis
David Ames	David kinney	William gilman
Barnabas Cadey	Josep Basford	
Jonathan Hoyt	Silas Harris	

the number of voters are twenty three and no more

dated Cardigan febuary 17th AD 1785

[8–168] [*Petition of Inhabitants relative to raising Money to repair Roads: addressed to the General Court.*]

We your Humble Pultionars * * * Do under Take To in form your Honers the Dificultys wee ly under in Suporting the Rhods that Leeds Throw the Town the in Habetance have

moved out of the Town untill thare is But abought Ten famleys left by which wee are Not able To Repair the Rhods So that Peple Can Pase throw we your Humble Pultioners Humblely Pray your Honers To take the mater in To ConsiderRation and grant That your Pultioners might Tax the Hole of the Propriortors of S^{d} Town to the Value of six Shillings on Each Right in order to mend the Rhods Leding from Canan To m^{r} Jonathan Hoits and from Thair to grafton in which we your Humble Pultionars Ever Pray

Cardigan June 16th: 1787

Wm Arwen	Jonathan Hoyt	Jabez B Barney
Samuel Bagley	Sayer Bulook	Benjamin Briggs
Wm Sprage	Enock Swet	Joseph Gushea
David Ames Jr	Enock Swet Juner	Levi Hoyt

[8–169] [*Relative to selling Land for Taxes.*]

State of New Hamshire Grafton ss

to the Honered Sinnet and House of Representatives to be Convean at pourtsmoth for the yr 1788

I the Humbl petitioner Do Desre to in form your onours that I have ben trieng to Sel the Land in Cardigan but I find that I Cannot Sell So as to Setle with the Treasury at present for the people will not Come to the adurment and there by the Land Remains that hath not paid to the amount of 1488 ackers besides Sevral others Small lots which I am in hpes to get the taxes hoping that you will tak it in your wise Considerashon and Let me not be hurt for I have tryed my utermost to get the taxes and I your Humble pietitioner in duty Bound Shall aver pray

Jonath Hoyt Constable for Cardigan
Jabez B Barney Vendue Clark

[8–170] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money to repair Roads: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives, 1788.*]

Seting forth the Difficulties we now lye under on the Account of Not Having Any Rode fit to travell through the Town A great part of the people have Sold and Gone out of Town and left A few people to do All the Labour on the Rodes and the proprietors do Nothing to help us we your Humble peti-

tioners Desire your Honours would Grant us the previlege of Taxing the Town to the Value of two farthing upon an acre to be laid out in cuting or clearing and mending the Rodes where the Inhabitents shall think it most Convenant for the Good of the Inhabitents in Jeneral as we have Not any passing through the town fiting for any persons to Ride through without being in danger of Braking the Bones where upon if we had the Rodes made Good it would be an advantage to the Town and the Towns Ajoining and save Sum miles Travell for the Upper Town to come through s^{d} Cardigan as we your Humble petitioners in duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

Cardigan January ye 24nd AD 1788

Wm Arwen
Jabez B Barney
Jonath Hoyt
Levi Hoit
Samuel Bagley
Simeon Arwen
Alexander Pigsley
Sayer Bullock
Wm Sprague
Nathanell Briggs
Joseph Gushe
David Ames
Benjmin Briggs

[8-172] [*Petition to have the Town incorporated, 1789: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly shews, that there never has been a Legall Grant of Incorporation, made of said Town, either to the Proprietors, or Inhabitants, thereof, altho it hath been considerably settled for more than fourteen years and have been called upon & taxed for State & County Taxes, as other Towns in said State, whereby they suffer great inconvenience, in Assessing their taxes & in doing their other business, necessary for the welfare of said Town—Therefore pray your Honors to Grant them an Incorporation of said Township, as by the lines and boundaries contained in the Charter thereof; to be infranchised with all Powers and Priviledges as Other Towns in this State have and enjoy by the name of Orange (*) & your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated the 14th day of October 1789

Nathan Waldo
Cyrus Cleaveland
Nathan Waldo Junr
Paul Knap
Nathan Fellows
David Bullock
Samuel Bagley
Wm Arwen
David Ames
Nath^{ll} Briggs
Sayer Bullock
Elisha Payne
Gideon Tiffany

* Liscomb had been written in this place, and crossed out.—Ed.]

[In answer, the town was incorporated, June 18, 1790, by the name of Orange.—Ed.]

[8–173] [*Petition for Authority to assess a Tax for repairing Roads: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth, that the Inhabitants of said Town, suffered great difficulties, & Inconveniences for want of good & convenient Highways, through said Town & the Inhabitants being but few in number, are unable to make & repair, the necessary highways in said Town, without some assistance from the Unimproved Lands; we therefore pray your Honors, to Grant us a tax of one half-penny, upon each acre of Unimproved Lands, in said Town annually for the term of three years, for the purpose of making & repairing Highways, in said Town & your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray signed by

Nathan Waldo
Enoch Sweat } Selectmen
Sayer Bullock

Orange January 8th 1791.

[This petition was granted by an act passed Jan. 29, 1791.—Ed.]

ORFORD.

The township was granted, Sept. 25, 1761, to Jonathan Moulton, Jr., and others. The conditions of the grant not being fulfilled, the proprietors made an application to the governor for an extension of the time, which was granted Feb. 8, 1772, giving them a further time of three years. Among the first settlers were Daniel Cross, Gen. Israel Morey, and John Mann, about 1765. They came from Connecticut.

The Orford Social Library was incorporated June 16, 1797.

By an act approved June 28, 1837, the farm of John Dana, Jr., was severed from Orford and annexed to Wentworth. Orford was one of the towns which united with Vermont in 1778, and several conventions of delegates from towns east of Connecticut river were held there.

Rev. Grant Powers states that John Mann and wife came

from Hebron, Conn., on one horse, and arrived in Orford Oct. 24, 1765, and that Daniel Cross and wife came from Lebanon, Conn., the June previous.

[*From Gen. Jonathan Chase's Papers, p. 50.*]

At a Convention of Committees from sundry Towns on the Grants east of Connecticut River, held by adjournment at the House of Israel Morey, Esqr in Orford June 24th 1773—Voted and Resolved that it be and hereby is recommended to the Inhabitants of the Towns on the Grants east of Connecticut River who have lately united with the State of Vermont strictly to comply with and obey those orders which may come to them from Authority of the State of Vermont, or by desire of any General or Field officer on the Continental establishment or commanding officer on this River through the hands of those Military Officers who were latest commissioned over them by the State of New Hampshire.

Voted and Resolved that the Towns east of Connecticut River who have united with the State of Vermont be notified that the General Assembly of said State have passed an act empowering each of the respective Towns in said State to convene on tuesday the seventh day of July next and chuse a justice of the peace in their Town (if they Judge proper) to continue in office untill the next Sessions of the General Assembly, and and that we recommend that the Select Men of the Towns east of said River which have united as aforesaid call meetings in their respective Towns for said purpose on the day above mentioned; and that they be advised to make return of said appointment to his Excellency Thos Chittenden Esqr Govr of said State agreeable to the Tenor of said Act.

Voted and Resolved that it be recommended to the Towns east of Connecticut River who have united with the State of Vermont that at a suitable time and place they agree in Town meeting on some proper method whereby the Inhabitants of their respective Towns may be entitled to the privileges of Freemen of said State agreeable to the sixth section in the Constitution, for which purpose we recommend that they appoint and empower some person or persons to administer the oath therein mentioned.

Voted and Resolved that John Wheatley Esqr Mr Abner Chandler and Capt John Young be a Committee to receive & adjust accounts of claims for services done in preparing and completing the Union with the State of Vermont.

N. B. The Accounts as adjusted by the Committee amounted to £66, 2—of which £8—was apportioned for Cornish—

£6, of which to be paid to Sam[l] Chase Esq[r] and £2.—to Beza : Woodward Treasurer—

Whereas this convention at their meeting held at this place last January 28 did recommend that the Towns raise the taxes called for by the Assembly of New Hampshire & pay them into their treasuries to be disposed of under the direction of the Town.

Voted and Resolved to recommend that having collected their proportion of the forty thousand pounds called for by the Assembly of New Hampshire and the sixty thousand pounds called for by the hon[ble] Continental Congress, the Towns retain these sums in their respective treasuries untill some measures may be agreed on whereby the Towns east of Connecticut River who unite with the State of Vermont may disburse them in an uniform manner.

Voted and Resolved to transmit to the President of the Council of the State of New Hampshire a Copy of the Resolves of the Assembly of Vermont relative to receiving the Towns on the Grants east of Connecticut River into Union with them [see Vol. X, p. 277] ; together with the following Letter signed by the Chairman (Viz)

Orford June 25th 1778.

Honored Sir—

The Convention of Committees from the several Towns mentioned in the inclosed copies take this opportunity to transmit to you as President of the Council of the State of New Hampshire a Resolve of the Assembly of the State of Vermont relative to a Union of said Towns &c with them, by which you will be availed of the political situation of these united Towns and others on the Grants who may comply with said Resolve—

We hope notwithstanding an entire separation has now taken place between your State and these Towns that an amicable settlement may be come into at a proper time between the State of New Hampshire and those Towns on the Grants that unite with the State of Vermont relative to all civil and military affairs transacted in connection with the State of New-Hampshire since the commencement of the war to the time of said Union so that amity & friendship may subsist & continue between the two States—

I am Sir in behalf of said Convention with respect—
Your most Obedient humble Servant

Nehemiah Estabrook Chair[n]

Hon[ble] M. Weare Esq[r] President of the
Council of New Hampshire

Voted that this Meeting be and is hereby dissolved

Extract from the minutes
Attest Beza Woodward, Clerk

[8–176] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money to support a Minister: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Sheweth that a very great Proportion of the Lands in said Town of Orford is own'd by nonresident Proprietors, and are wild & uncultivated and of Consequence, not liable to be Tax'd by said Inhabitants, for any purpose whatever and that your Petitioners, notwithstanding they are few in Number, (not exceeding twenty five families) with a vew to promote, as well their Temporal as their Spiritual Interest, have proceeded to Call & ordain a minister of the Gospel in Said Town at their own Expence without the least assistance of any of the nonresident proprietors of said Orford,—that your Petitioners are poorly able to fulfill their reasonable Ingagements in the Settlement & Support of their said minister, and to build a Comfortable House for Divine Service and that by the Settlement of a minister and building Such House the Value of the unimprov'd as well as improv'd Land in Said Orford is and will be much increas'd.

Whereupon Your Petitioners, most humbly pray Your Excellency and Honours to Enact and order that a Tax of two pence lawfull money be Assess'd on Each and every Acre of Land in said orford, as well improv'd as unimprov'd Land, (the publick Rights excepted) Annually for the next four Years and that Your Petitioners be Impowered to levy and Collect the Same of the owners of Said Land, to be, by your Petitioners Expended Solely for the payment of their Said minister's Settlement and Salary as they Shall become Due, and for building a House for Divine Service in Said Orford, or in Some Other way Grant Releif to Your Petitioners, as in Your Great Wisdom You Shall think Just & Reasonable, and they as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Portsmouth 10th of December 1771.

Alexr Phelps } Agents
Israel Morey }

[8–178] [*Proposal of the Proprietors relative to Minister's Salary, 1773.*]

Whereas there has been a Petition preferred by the Inhabitants of Orford, to the General Court of this Province, praying that a Tax of two pence per Acre, may be laid on Each Res-

ident & non Resident proprietor's Right or share of Land in said Town, for four years to Come, to Raise money for the Support of the ministry in said Town, and building a house for Publick Worship,—And as it appears to the Proprietors to be a Larger sum than they think will be Necessary and Reasonable they should be Subjected to, but being willing to Give all due Encouragement for the Support of the Ministry, and building a Meeting house, as far as their present Circumstances Require,—Therefore Voted That in Case no tax shall be Granted in Consequence of said Petition, That the Proprietors will pay three Quarter parts of the first and second year's Sallary for the Support of the minister of said Town, and one half of said minister's third and fourth year's Sallary,—or in Case there should be no settled minister there, then for hiring of Preaching—Also one half of the Sum that the Inhabitants of said Town agreed to Give the Rev^{d} m^{r} Noble their present minister for his Settlement. Also Ten pounds towards the Expence the Inhabitants were at in Ordaining said m^{r} Noble.—

Also one half of m^{r} Noble's demand for preaching before he was Ordained.—

Also That there be built in said town a proper frame for a house of Publick Worship there of the following dimentions, Viz^{t} Fifty feet Long, Forty feet wide, with posts of a Suitable heighth for one Tier of Gallary's, and to Board, Shingle, Clabboard, Glaize, and Lay the Lower floor thereof at the Expence of said Proprietors.—

The above is a true Copy of a Vote of the Proprietors of Orford, which pass'd at their meeting, held at Hampton, by Adjournment the 11th day of January 1773.—

Attest per John Moulton Prop^{r} Clerk

[8–175] [*Proprietors' Expenditures.*]

For Cutting & Clearing Roads (in 1766)	£5.	—	
Bounty for building a Grist Mill & Saw Mill	60.		
Bounty for 6 Settlers	7.	10.	
Paid Danl Tillotson Esqr for Highway Work	3.		
Paid Israel Morey Esqr for d^{o} & cutting & Clearing Roads, hiring of preaching &c	138.	19.	6
Paid Danl Tillotson d^{o}	10.	2.	
Paid Eben^{r} Baldwin—	3.	6.	
Paid Israel Morey Esqr d^{o}	10.		
Paid Thomas Sawyer	6.	18.	
Paid Israel Morey Esqr Ditto—	67.	13.	9
Lawf. My—	£312.	18.	3

The Above Sum has been paid to the Inhabitants of Orford, in the Manner, & for the Purpose as above—

Attest Jon[a] Moulton Prop[rs] Treas[r]

[8-177] [*Petition of William Simpson for a Ferry: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

Humbly Shews—

That your Petitioner has been at great Expence in transporting himself & family into the Interior parts of the Province and humbly Prays to be Encouraged by Your Excellency and Honors in his Endeavours to promote the Benefit and Interest of the Settlements in those parts, in particular where he now Lives And as Your Petitioner humbly conceives a Publick Ferry with a proper Boat to transport the Inhabitants of Orford and others travelling over Connecticutt River to the Town on the West Side of said River would be of Publick Utility he humbly prays Your Excellency & Honors to grant him the Priveledge of keeping & Supporting a ferry with proper Boat or Boats, with Such further Limitations as Your Excellency and Honors shall think proper to be used in any the most convenient Place within One mile and an half on Each Side of the Town Landing in Orford aforesaid, And Your petitioner assures Your Excellency & Honors he shall Strive to give the greatest Dispatch and Satisfaction to the Passengers, and as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray

July 2th 1773 William Simpson

[Granted March 3, 1775.—Ed.]

[8-179] [*Proceedings of a Proprietors' Meeting, 1773.*]

Whereas the Prop[rs] at their last Meeting held the 11th Day of January Ins[t] by Adjournment "Voted to have a Meeting House built in Orford for publick Worship at their Expence," as will appear by said Vote—& it being Suggested by some of the Prop[rs] that they apprehended the aforesaid Vote did not clearly determine to whom the Property of said Meeting-House shou'd belong, 'tis therefore considered at this Meeting, & to prevent any Dispute that might have arose on that Account. Now,—

Voted, That it was the Intent, & Meaning of said Proprietors that as they, at their own Expence, propos'd to build said Meeting-House the Property of the same shou'd remain in the same—

The Prop[rs] at this Meeting taking under further Consideration the Vote which pass'd at their last Meeting, as beforemen

tion'd, & being still willing to give all necessary Encouragement for the Support of the Ministry, & building a Meeting House, in said Town, as far as they think their present Abilities, therefor, will admit they thereupon further

Voted, On the Conditions hereafter mention'd, & them only, That if the House of publick Worship be built in said Town, agreeable to the aforementioned Vote—The Inhabitants of said Orford shall have, & own one half of said House & shall also have one half of the Benefit & Advantage of selling the Privildege for Pews, in said Meeting House,—Or if it shall be most agreable to the Inhabitants of said Orford—The Prop^{rs} will give & grant unto them, Sixty Pounds Lawf^{l} M^{y} towards assisting them, in building such a House for publick Worship there, as they may agree, & determine on among themselves—& the Prop^{s} to quit their Claim in, & unto Said Meeting House—on the Condition, That the Agents for the Inhabitants of Orford do not any further prosecute any Means, or Measures for forwarding the Petition which they have preferr'd to the General Court as beforemention'd, Nor any Tax whatever, be granted by the General Court in Consequence of that Petition, or any other they may prefer for that Purpose—but that they, the said Agents, accept the Votes of the Prop^{rs} instead thereof—

The foregoing is a true Copy of a Vote of the Prop^{rs} of Orford which pass'd at their Meeting held by Adjournment at Hampton the 15th Day of Jany 1773—

Attest—John Moulton Prop^{r} Clerk

At this Meeting Jonathan Moulton Esqr declared that whereas he was Owner of a considerable Part of Propriety Interest in the Township of Orford, & that from his Youth upwards he was educated in, & always join'd in the Congregational Method of Church Government, & Worship—& that notwithstanding the present Minister of Orford, is of a different Denomination from his, & settled on a different Plan—Yet he had Voted towards his Support, & building a Meeting House in said Town, which was with the View only, of the Prop^{rs} & Inhabitants uniting therein according the Votes pass'd at this, & the last Meeting—But in Case the Inhabitants or their Agents shou'd not accept the Prop^{rs} Proposals & Offers to them but continue to apply to the General Court, & obtain any Tax therefor—he shall hold himself to be entirely free from paying any Thing towards the Support of said Minister, or building a House for the Maintaining a Mode of Worship &c^{a} different from his Practice & Profession; & desired that the same might be entered accordingly—

Attest. John Moulton Prop^{s} Clerk

[8–181]

An inventory of the Poles, stock, improved and unimproved Lands in the Town of Orford taken in ye year 1779

Number of Poles	47	Number of horses	27
Number of oxen	44	Number of cows	76
Number of 3 y^r^ olds	14	N^o^ of 2 y^r^ olds	38
N^o^ of one y^r^ olds	42	N^o^ acres of improved Lands	708

Value of unimproved Land £4683 at ½ per cent £23–8–3.

Attest Ebenezer Baldwin } Select
Saml Phelps } Men

[R. 3–90] [*Soldier's Receipt, 1778.*]

Rec'^d^ of Maj^r^ Jon^n^ Child by the hand of Col. Israel Morey twelve Pounds four Shillings it being Wages & Rations, for my service in the army at Saratoga in Col. J. Chases Regiment

Obadiah Noble

Orford Jany 31st 1778—

[R. 3–91] [*Soldiers' Receipt.*]

Received From The Selectmen of the Thown of Orford a full Satisfaction as a bounty for There Quota of Soldiers in the Newhampshire Service under our Seperate Commanders to wit Col^o^ Moses Hazen and Lt Col^o^ Reed

Orford March 3^d^ 1882

Josiah Pratt	Jonathan Pratt	Thomas Haseltine
Ezra Gates	John Lapish	Mical Salter

test Edward Clark
Paul Adams

[R. 3–92] [*John Lapish's Discharge, 1783.*]

By His Excellency George Washington Esqr General and Commander in Chief of the forces of the united States of America these are to Certify that the Bearer hereof John Lapish Soldier in the New-Hampshire Regiment having faithfully served the united States Eight years & being inlisted for the war only is hereby Discharged from the American army. Given at head Quarters the 7th June 1783.

G. Washington

By His Excellency's Command

J Trumbull Jun Sye

Registered in the Books of the Regiment

J Boynton Adjutant

The above John Lapish has been honored with the badge of merit for six years faithfull Service 7th June 1783

Geo Reid Lt Colo Comdt.

a true copy attest

Charles Johnston Justt Peace.

[Similar copies of discharges were furnished by the following named men:

Jona. Pratt, Fifer, Moses Hazzen's Reg't, 4 years' service.

Corpl Thos. Haseltine, Hazzen's Reg't, 4 years' service.

Ezra Gates, Hazzen's Reg't, 4 years' service.

Michael Salter, Hazzen's Reg't, 4 years' service.

All of whom were "honored with a badge of merit for four years' faithful service." Their discharges are signed by Benjamin Moores, Adjutant, and are dated respectively June 13, 17, 30, & 30, 1783.—Ed.]

[8–182] [*Petition of John Mann: addressed to the Council and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly sheweth

that since the Commincment of the Revolution an Inventory of the Pols and Ratable Estate in said Orford has not been Returned, agreeable to the law of said State in such Case made and Provided that by Means thereof your petitioners have been subjected to a Doomage which they Humbly conceive in Every Instance considerably surmounts their Just proportion of the Public Tax; Notwithstanding which your Petitioners have Exerted themselves so far as to pay into the Treasury of this State a Considerable part of the same, and are still willing and Ambitious to Contribute their full proportion in Defence of the Common Cause—

But think it their Duty herein to address the Lejuslature of this State and are happy in the confidence they Entertain that all Reasonable abatment will bee made in the several amounts of Taxes they have been cald upon for since the Revolution aforesaid—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray

Decr 1st 1783

John Mann for said Petitioners

[8–183] [*Petition of William Simpson and Ebenezer Green: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly Sheweth the Subscribers In behalf of the Inhabitants of the Towns of Orford and Lyme, that the Inhabitants

aforesaid have at their Expence Supplied provisions, pack horses, and forrage for the Support of the different Militia in the defence of the frontiers, also have been at great expence in hiring & supporting Men for Scouting, reconnoitering and guarding, for the defence aforesaid, exclusive of their complying with the requisitions of the General Court of this State—

* * * * * * *

Wherefore your petitioners pray your Honors will order an enquiry into their Case, & grant them such allowance as shall appear Just & Reasonable, and in duty bound will ever pray

Portsmouth Feby 14, 1786

William Simpson—for Orford
Eben^{r} Green for Lyme

[8-184] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Orford: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth

That in September 1776 a Precept was issued by your Honors to the legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in the Townships of Lime, Orford Piermont Warrén Wentworth & Dorchester, for the Purpose of electing one Person to represent them in General Assembly: also to vote for a Person in the County aforesaid as a Member of Council—That your Petitioners were then desirous of complying therewith, but that the strenuous Oppositions of the Towns with which they connected, unhappily prevented it.—

That agreeable to the Precept issued September 1777, the Inhabitants met; & voted not to comply with said Precept—That your Petitioners were then also for Complyance, but being overpowered by the adjacent Towns in Numbers, are deprived of that inestimable Privilege Representation

That the present Opposition fomented & subsisting in the District make it impossible for us to be represented in General Court.

That notwithstanding your Petitioners are labouring under Grievances repugnant to their inherent Rights & Privileges, they have ever been willing to contribute their just Proportion, in Support of the present unhappy War.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors to take the Matter into Consideration, & point out some Way, whereby they may be represented in General Assembly. And your Petitioners shall ever pray—

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Orford on December 16th 1777, warned for the following Purpose, (viz) to see if the Town will agree to prefer a Petition to the

Gen[l] Assembly of this State, praying their Honors to point out some Way, in which they may be represented—at the same Meeting Voted, Nem. Con. that the Hon[ble] Israel Morey Esq[r] be an Agent to prefer the above Petition to y[e] General Assembly— Sign'd per Order

Davenport Phelps, Moderator.

Attest. Nath[el] Rogers Town Clerk

[8–187] [*Relative to suppressing Thistles, 1795.*]

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Orford held on Monday the 18 day of May 1795—Voted that the Select men be & they are hereby directed to present a petition to the General Assembly of the State of N. Hampshire at their Session to be held at Hanover on the first Wednesday of June 1795 praying their honors to adopt some measures to prevent the growing of thistles in this State

A True Coppy of Record, Attest Jared Mann Town Clerk

To the Honorable General Court of the State of New Hampshire convened at Hanover on the first Wednesday of June 1795 the Petition of the Town of Orford humbly Showeth, That a certain weed called Thistles are very destructive to this part of the State, and do increase very rapidly by Standing till their Seed is ripe when the Seed is carried by the wind to a great distance; by which means they are like to over run the whole Country; when the cuting of them, close to the ground in proper Season would effectually prevent their geting ripe & Spreading in the manner afforesaid: & the old root whose top is so cut off, dies; by which means the whole might be totally destroyed out of our Country in a few Years, were it a law to Oblige every person to cut them as afforesaid—therefore we pray your honors to take the matter into consideration and adopt Such measures as your honors in your wisdom shall se fit, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Theod Dame, John Mann J[r] } Select men of Orford

[8–188] [*Petition for Incorporation of an Academy, 1797: addressed to the General Court.*]

Respectfully Sheweth the Subscribers, that at a Considerable Expence of Individuals, an Elegant house is completed within the Town of Orford, for to Encourage the Educating youth,

In the Several branches of Literature, and an Instructor Employed for that purpose; for the carrying into execution and fully completing their laudable design and Intention, they are of opinion, that the aid of the legislature is necessary and will be readily granted, by Indulging the proprietors of the Said House with an Act of Incorporation, to be known by the Name of the proprietors of Orford public School, with Similar priviledges Regulations and Restrictions, as have heretofore been granted to others by former Legislatures, in this State,

And as in duty will pray

Joseph Pratt
Wm Simpson
John Mann

Orford June 1^t^ 1797

[In H. of Rep., June 10, 1797, "Voted that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly." Senate non-concurred.—Ed.]

[1–189] [*Petition of John Mann, Jr., relative to the School: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly showeth—That at the session of the General Court in June last past, Messrs Joseph Pratt, William Simpson, and John Mann Esquires presented a petition to the Honble General Court, praying for themselves and others, an Act of Incorporation for a Public School in Orford, the Prayer of which Petition was heard and granted by the Honble House of Representatives; Yet for some reasons which to them appeared Sufficient, the Honble Senate did not concur with the same—Your Memorialist therefore prays this Honble Court to take into their wise consideration the Substance of said Petition; as he flatters himself he shall be fully able to satisfy the Honble Senate respecting the doubts that were formerly in their Minds—and your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray—

John Mann Jr—in behalf of the Petitioners

Portsmouth 24th Nov 1797

[Leave was granted to bring in a bill, Nov. 28, 1797. Ed.]

[8–191] [*Petition for incorporation of the Academy: addressed to the General Court.*]

Most respectfully represents. the subscribers, in behalf of themselves and others, that, they have for the promoting and

encouraging Literature, within the town of Orford in the County of Grafton ; at very considerable expence erected and completed buildings, for that purpose and have expended considerable sums annually, in hiring teachers, for the purpose aforesaid, which laudable design or institution, of their's cannot, thoroughly, be prosecuted, without the aid of the legislature.

Wherefore, they pray that the honorable Legislature will take the same under their consideration and grant them a charter of incorporation, under like restrictions and reservations, as have been heretofore given and granted, to Academies and public Schools within this state. For want of such incorporation, the design of your petitioners, is at this juncture, much retarded; as they cannot without it put the school under such necessary regulations as to make the same upon a respectable footing, with other institutions; neither can they have the privilege of sundry donations, which will be readily made if the act of incorporation can be indulged them.—

They beg leave further, to request your Honors, that, upon perusing the article, in the Constitution of this state, granting the power of encouraging Literature, to the honorable Legislature, they were the more encouraged to proceed and advance money for the purposes aforesaid. And being very sensible that former Legislatures have readily granted their aid in such respects, to many towns in this state, they cannot harbour the least idea, that their petition will be denied them. Therefore, relying on the indulgence and attention, of the honorable Legislature to their request, they most respectfully submit the same, not doubting, but, with strict and firm belief in the fullest expectation, that the same will be granted.—

Dated at Orford this 3rd day of June 1799.

John Mann	William Butman	Bethuel Cross
Samll Morey	Jona Sawyer	Icherbod Sawyer
Simon B. Bissell	Alexander Storey	
John Mann Jr	George Ropes	

Committee or Trustees for the Proprietors.

[In H. of Rep., June 14, 1799, leave was granted to "bring in a bill." The senate laid it over until the next session, and then non-concurred.—Ed.]

OSSIPEE.

The town was incorporated Feb. 22, 1785, previous to which the territory went by the name of Ossipee Gore. A

portion of said territory, which was not included in the incorporation, continued to be called Ossipee Gore until it was annexed to Effingham Dec. 23, 1820.

The name is derived from a tribe of Indians who once resided in the vicinity of the lake, relics of whom have often been found since its occupancy by white men.

By an act approved Jan. 13, 1837, the farm of Wentworth Lord, together with some other territory, was severed from Ossipee and annexed to Tamworth. A portion of the same land was severed from Tamworth and re-annexed to Ossipee June 22, 1859.

[8–192] [*Petition for an Act of Incorporation: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of a Place called Ossipee Gore—Humbly sheweth that your Petitioners labour under many Inconveniencies for want of an Incorporation, wherefore they pray that the said Ossipee Gore bounded as follows, Begining at the southerly corner of said Gore and runing bounding on Wolfborough to the North Corner thereof, thence by Tuftinborough to the north corner thereof, thence on a Straight line northerly about two Miles to the westerly corner of Lot Number One hundred and Eleven in said Gore, thence North east until it crosses Bear camp River on the Northwest line of Lot Number one hundred and Seventeen, thence turning and runing on the line of said lot: number one hundred and seventeen and lot number one hundred and one easterly straight until it strikes six mile River, thence by said River to Ossipee Pond, thence southerly and easterly by said Pond and the outlet thereof to Leavits town northwest line, thence southerly by said line to the westerly corner of said Town of Leavits town, thence easterly on the southwest line of said Town to the South east Corner of said Gore, thence Southerly on Wakefield line to the bound begun at, may be incorporated into a Town by the name of Ossipee and that the Inhabitants thereof and their Successors may be invested with all the priviledges & Immunities Similar to other Towns within this State.—

Your Petitioners also beg leave humbly to show that their Settlements where chiefly began & have been prosecuted during the late war, the Inhabitants being most of them in low circumstances and subject to all the Inconveniencies and hardships incident to the begining settlements in a new & uncultivated Country under such a situation, as also having their unimproved Lands much of which being mountains, Heaths & Ponds, taxed at an equal Rate with Lands in other places of much superior

Quality, yet they have struggled through the expences of finding their Quota of Men in the Army & their Beef Tax but were totally unable to discharge their State Tax for the years 1782 & 1783 which yet remains unpaid & your petitioners humbly conceive that they are wholly unable to pay said arrearages & carry on their Settlements, & pay the present & succeeding Taxes, wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Honble Court to take their Circumstances into consideration & abate them their Arrearages for the years aforesaid, trusting in future under the Advantages of an Incorporation & their increasing strength they shall be able to pay their full Quotas of all Taxes.—

And your Petitioners shall ever pray.—

Ossipee Gore October 20th 1784

Jacob Brown	Joseph Ames	Samuel ——
Josiah Poland	Noah dow	Jacob Williams
Winthrop Smith	Ebeneser hall	John Scagel
Andrew Folsom	Nathaiel Brown	Richard ——
John Sanderson	Joseph Pitman	Cornelius Densmoor
John Cooley	Jabez garland	

[The town was incorporated Feb. 22, 1785.—Ed.]

[8–193]

To the pay Master of Capt Jacob Smith Company in Col^o^ Rolnolds Reg^t^ in the year 1781

Sir plese to pay Daniel Cook or his order all that is Due to me from the State of Newhampshir I having been a Soldier in the aforesaid Company and for Value Rec^d^ Witness my Hand

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Feb 19 1785 6. 8. 8.

[8–194] [*Petition for Abatement of Taxes: addressed to the General Assembly, 1788.*]

Humbly shew that in the year 1783 they were called upon to pay into the Treasurey of said State £74.19.11. and in the year 1784 for £28.6.8. both which Sums to be paid in Gold or Silver, or Certificates for Interest on the publick Securities of this State, or Orders drawn on the Treasurey At which Times the Inhabitants of said Ossipee were under no Incorporation as a Town, neither had any Town Officers whereby said Sums coul'd be legally assessed, that the same yet remains unpaid & the Town threatned with an Extent—Although said Sums appear small & the Delay long; yet your Petitioners humbly con-

ceive that there is such a Disability on the part of the Inhabitants to pay their parts of said Requisitions as (if known) wou'd induce your Honble Court to grant Relief.

It is a fact well known that a very considerable part of the present Inhabitants of said Ossipee were poor People put on as Settlers by the Proprietors.—

That said Settlers were not only men unacquainted with the new Country in General, but men of small Abilities, unable to procure even a bare Subsistence for themselves & Families, without the Assistance of a few Industrous Inhabitants in Town;—that those few have not only been obliged to relieve the common Necessities of the Rest, but also to be accountable for their Taxes;—for should a Distraint for Taxes take place upon these poorer People beforementioned, who have at most but one Cow each: such a Destraint wou'd render a considerable number a public Burden to the Town, & woud in time deprive those who are now able, of the means of paying Taxes in future—Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honble Court would abate such part of said Sum as belongs to the Inhabitants to pay being one half the whole of said Sums; or otherwise grant your Petitioners Relief by Delay of Payment as to your Honble Court shall seem meet—and your Petitioners shall ever pray.—

Ossipee May 26. 1788

Joseph Fogg
Winthrop Smart
Andrew Folsom
} Selectmen of Ossipee

[8–195] [*Petition for Authority to raise a Special Tax: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth that wharas the grater part of the land in s^d^ town is owned by Gentlemen living out of town and but few inhabitants & the roads so extensive puts it beyond the powar of the inhabitants to support them—the Main road through the Town is Eighteen miles in length and interpersed by many rapid streams & a large propition of healthy Lands which requiars large & costly causeways and but sixteen families living on s^d^ road besides many crossroads allready laid out and others nessessary to bee laid out & dun to acomidate the setlers of s^d^ Town & publick.

Tharefore your petitioners Humbly Pray Your Hon^rs^ would take under consideration the bad situation of s^d^ Town and grant that a tax of a penny P^r^ acor be laid on all nonresident lands in s^d^ Town for the tarm of two yeas for the purpos of making

& repairing s[d] roads—or grant such relief as you in your wisdom shall think proper.

And your petitioners as in duty Bound shall ever pray—

Ossipee May 28th 1791—

Levi Dearborn } Select
John Adams } Men

[Granted Dec. 21, 1791.]

[8–197] [*Petition of John Costelloe of Effingham, relative to a Discovery of Iron Ore: addressed to the General Court Jan. 7, 1790.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioner has discovered in Ossipee pond & adjoining a large Quantity of Iron Ore—that at a considerable expence he has erected a Forge or Iron Works, for the trial of said Ore—which upon trial affords Iron equal in Quality, (in the opinion of good judges) to that imported from Philadelphia.

And as a Furnace in that part of the State for Refining & casting would be of public utility, & save money in the State—he most humbly prays your Honors for some encouragement to enable him to erect a Furnace—by a Grant for that purpose—or by loaning him a sum of money, upon good Security to be refunded in a certain number of years without interest—or otherways encourage your Petitioner as to your great wisdom may seem politic & advisable, & he as in duty bound will ever pray—

John Costelloe

PELHAM.

The township was incorporated July 5, 1746, and comprised portions of the old Dunstable grant and Dracut. The bounds given in the charter are as follows:

"Beginning at the Boundary Pitch Pine Tree made by M[r] Mitchell and runing on the North Boundary Line of the Massachusetts untill it comes within two miles & eighty rods of Merrimack river Then North Twenty Degrees East, to Londonderry then by Londonderry East South East five miles & one hundred & forty rods then South to Methuen Line and to meet the Curve Line called Mitchells Line then by s[d] Curved Line to the Pitch Pine Tree where it began."

The name was given in honor of the Duke of New Castle, Thomas Pelham Holles. Settlements were made about the year 1722 by John Butler and Wm. Richardson, the latter a native of Chelmsford, Mass.

The following Pelham men were in the 1st N. H. Reg't in the war of the Revolution:

Sergeant Daniel Gage, entered December 29, 1779, discharged December, 1781.

John Greeley, entered March 9, 1781, discharged December, 1781.

John Lovering, entered April, 1781, discharged December, 1781.

The latter served also in 1782.

In answer to a petition from 53 of the inhabitants, the town was divided into two parishes, for church purposes, January 4, 1787, but the act was repealed in 1792, on the dismission of the Rev. Amos Moody, and the town again united as one parish.

Pelham was severed from the county of Rockingham, and annexed to the county of Hillsborough, by an act approved December 10, 1824.

[8–198] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Pelham and Salem for a Grant of Land: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

Sheweth—

That your Petitioners Are Inclined to venture into the woods And make Setlements of a town, that for themselves & familys, they are not Accomodated in the towns Where they Dwell, that the Land there is so mean and Broaken Cannot for their Own Nor the Goverments Advantage Enlarge their Improvements—

That their is in this Province Great Quantitys of his Majestys Lands Unappropriated, & Lyes Wast and till Improved will be Useless, Capable of Improvement and Enlarging—the Strength of the frontiers, Where Your Petitioners would willingly venture, And make Setlement under the Like Conditions as other his Majestys Subjects Receive Grants—

Wherefore Your Petitioners Humbly pray that they may Have a Grant of Land of the Contents of Six miles Square in Some Convenient place Capable of making a good Setlement, Within his Majestys Lands afores[d] under Such Conditions & Limitations As Your Excellency Grants to Others and that Tho[s] Packer Esq may be Admitted On Our Behalf to prefer

this Our Petition and On Our Behalf do everything Necessary for the Claming the Same and Assertaining the place where the Same may Lye. And Your Petitioners as in duty bound Shall pray.

July 16: 1750—

Pelham

William Richardson	Amos Richardson	Josiah Hamblet
Joseph Hamblet	Zeachriah Colburn	Jonathan Kimball
John forgison	Daniel Gage	daniel Colburn
Thomas wyman	William Elliot	Thomas Gage
Josiah Gage	Nehemiah Jaques	Rice Molten
Simon Beard	Jabesh Gage	henery Richardson
amos Gage	John Baldwin	William Richardson
David Jones	Ebeneser Jaques	Juner

Salem

Ebnz Ayres	Nath^{ll} Dow	Richard Dow
Seth Pattee	Richard Kimball	Ralph Hall
Abner Bayly	John Hall J^{r}	John Bayly
Peter merril	Richard Patee	Edwd Bayly
Henry sanders	Daniel Dow	Sam^{ll} Parker
John Merrell	Oliver Kimball	Wm Sanders
Alexander Gorden	John Lowell	Tim^{y} Swan
Jonathan Corlies	Wm Kelly	John Ober

[R. 3–100] [*Petition of Phebe Gage: addressed to the General Court, 1758.*]

The Petition of Pheabe Gage Reilick Widow To Lt Thomas Gage who Deceas^{d} in the said province Service at Lake George October y^{e}: 8^{d}: 1756: Humbly Sheweth: and Prays this Honourable Court that She may be allowed a Reasonable sum for her said Husbands Gun: which how it was Disposed of at his Death She hath not as yet had any account: and Therefore further Prays that this Honourable Court would take her Humble Petition into their Wise Consideration and Grant her some Reasonable allowance she being Left with a Large famaley of Children: your Humble Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray; &c

Pelham March y^{e}: 17^{d}: 1758

Pheabe Gage:

[In H. of Rep., March 23, she was allowed £10.—Ed.]

[R. 3–101] [*Petition of William Bell, Soldier: addressed to the General Assembly, 1758.*]

The Humble petition of William Bell of Pelham In said Province—Shews—That your Petitioner was an Enlisted Soldier in this Governments pay in 1757, under the Command of Capt Hercules Mooney, & had the misfortune to be taken In the Seige at Fort William Henry, & Carried to Canada from thence sent to Halifax, from thence to Boston, & by the kind hand of an over Ruling providence got home sometime in Novr Last. * * *

William Bell

[He asked for an allowance for loss of clothes, etc., which was granted to the extent of £18, 15.—Ed.]

[R. 3–103]

[In a petition addressed to the general court in 1760, Francis Knowlton, of Pelham, stated that he "was an Inlisted Soldier In the Provincial service In Capt Nehemiah Lovewells Company, In ye year 1759. That your petitioner Continued In s^{d} Servis till ye 24th of Septemb^{r} Last." He further stated that he was sick at Albany Flats, and came home as soon as he was able to march. He asked for his wages, and was paid £7, 10, sterling.—Ed.]

[R. 3–104] [*Soldier's Bounty.*]

In Committee on Claims July 31, 1782—

The Bounty advanced by Pelham to Reuben Hamblet was Twenty pounds Nine shillings which Sum was deducted from his depreciation acc^{o}

Ex^{d} per Josiah Gilman Junr

[8–199] [*Petition of the Committee of Safety and Selectmen: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers (being the Committee of Safety and Selectmen for the Town of Pelham)

Humbly Sheweth—

That we your Petitioners are at all times, under an anxious Concern for the Wellfare, Peace, & Safety, of their much In-

jured Country and more Especially at this time, from an Apprehension of the mischief, and Bad Consequence, which may follow upon, So many of General Burgoynes troops Deserting into the Country, for they are Daily Traveling, 3 or 4 or half a Dozen at a time, Through all these Parts, which we find, Gives Great Uneasiness to the Inhabitants, in General, within the Compass of our knowledge &c—and many are the Evils that may follow—and first, we are Apprehensive, that their want of food, and Clothing, may Excite them, to Rob, & Steal, from the Inhabitants, and 2dly which is worse, that they may, (when an oppertunity Presents) Join with, and Carry on, Some Very Secret, and Destructive Plot, of our Domestic Enemies, (the Ugly Tories—) against the United States of america—and we think it Very Unnecessary for the Continent, to be at the Cost of keeping a Guard Round Said Troops, that Lets them flock off, by fifties & Hundreds, and Doth not Restrain any of them—Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Prays your Honours Consideration upon the matter of this Petition, and (if it be Consistent with the will of your Honours,) Issue out orders thro' this State for all Such Deserters to be Taken up, & Carried Back, to their Respective Regiments, upon the States Cost, or to Confine them in Close Goals, or any other method that you in your great Wisdom Shall See fit—to Prevent their Desertion & Execute Justice to the Deserted—&c—and as we are in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

John Mussey, Aaron Wyman, Josiah Gage, Bar^{s} Gibson, Asa Richardson } Committee of Safety

Josiah Gage, Daniel Barker, J. Butler Junr } Selectmen

[8-200] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Pelham: addressed to the Committee of Safety, 1777.*]

Humbly Sheweth

That Whereas the Authority hath made Requisition of the Town of Pelham, for the Number of Seventeen men to Serve in the Continental Army for the Term of three years; In Compliance to the Authority, and the zeal we have for the Glorious Cause of Liberty now Contending for, and being sensible of the Duty Devolving on us, the Town hath been Call^{d} together,

and in the first Place Voted 20 Pounds Lawful money for Encouragement to each Soldier that should Inlist for s[d] Term, and on making Tryal Could not obtain them—Therefore the Town thought Proper to Vote an additional Sum of 10 Pounds for farther Encouragement, and yet the men Cannot be obtained—your Petitioners therefore beg Leave to Inform your Honours, that there are Six men Engaged, on Condition that Lt Thomas Hardy may go their officer, and it plainly appears to your Petitioners that if the above s[d] Hardy may be appointed; the Proportion of men will be Immediately obtained, otherways they do Entirely Decline, as they have little or no acquaintance with the officers already appointed, &c—Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray, that your Honours would appoint the s[d] Lt Thomas Hardy to be a Lieut—as your Petitioners Look upon him to be a man worthy of that Trust—or otherwise Relieve us in our Difficulty as you in your Great Wisdom shall see meet, and we your Humble Petitioners, as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Pelham April y[e] 21st 1777—

Daniel Coburn major
Asa Richardson Capt
Jesse Willson Lt
Nathan Butler Ensign
Robert Nevens Lt

Josiah Gage, Daniel Barker, Jacob Butler J[r] } Selectmen of Pelham

Barnabas Gibson, Aaron wyman, John Mussey } Committee of Safety of Pelham

[Thomas Hardy was first lieutenant in the third company of Gen. Stark's regiment at Bunker Hill. Abner Gage, in same company, was wounded in that battle, as was also Seth Cutter. Both were from Pelham.—Ed.]

[8–201] [*Petition of the Officers, Committee, and Selectmen of Pelham: addressed to the Committee of Safety.*]

Humbly Sheweth,

That whereas the Authority hath made Requisition of the said Town for a Number of men, to Serve as Soldiers, in the Continental Army, during the war, or in Case that Cannot be done, to Raise them for One year—

In Complyance to the Authority, and being Sensible of the Duty Devolving on us, the Town hath been Call'd together, and in the first Place Tryal was made to raise the men During the War, but without effect,—and Secondly we have Tryed by offering very Extraordinary Hire as an Encouragement to the Men to Enlist for one Year, but Could not obtain them, the reason Given by the men for their not Enlisting for a Year, is, their Time will Expire so late in the year, as to Prevent their Returning in Season, to take care of their Business, by which Means they will in a manner loose the Next Season—your Petitioners beg leave therefore to inform your Honors, that we can Emmediately Procure our full Complement of men, in Case they may be mustered for Nine Months, and Whereas we Expect we Can, and are willing to replace the Same at the end of the said Nine months—which if Truly preform'd we cannot Concieve will be any damage to the State—Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Pray, that your Honors, would give orders to the Muster-master to Muster our Compliment of Soldiers for the Term of nine Months, or otherwise Relieve us in our Deffi-culty as you in Your Great Wisdom shall see meet,—and we your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray—

Pelham, July 10th 1779—

Daniel Coburn
Asa Richardson
Robart Nevens
Nathan Butler } Officers

Josiah Gage
Thomas Hardy
Joshua Atwood } Committee

Daniel Barker
Caleb Butler } Selectmen

[8–202] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Pelham relative to a division of the State into Counties: addressed to the General Assembly, 1769.*]

Most humbly sheweth that your Petitioners being Informed that the Province is about being Devided into Countys for the ease and benefit of the inhabitants in General in transacting their business of a Publick Nature, and being also informed that the General Assembly have Voted a small County to be set off Adjacent to the Westerly side of Merrimack River, Your Petitioners pray that the Towns of Bow, Chester Londonderry, Pelham Plastow Salem Hampsted & Sandown, which lay Conveniently situated to sd County may be Annexed

thereto as it would save most of the Inhabitants of said Towns thirty Miles travel in transacting their business with the Courts, Judges of Probate, Register &c And no other person whatsoever would (as your Petitioners conceive) be Injured thereby And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray &c—

Daniel Gage
Ebenezer Palmer
Timothy Clark
John Tarbox
Nathaniel marbel
Nehemaiah Jaques
William Wymon
Eleazer Whiting
Samuel atwood
Joseph Wyman Jr
Samuel watts
Amos Gage
Hugh Tallant
William Richardson
Uriah Abbot
Joseph wyman
Simon Bard
Jacob Butler
Joshua atwood
Philip Hardy
Ebenezer Varnum
Silas Coburn
Ebenezer webster
Eri Richardson
Caleb Butler
Samuel Butler
james foster
jesse Hardy
Thomas Johnson
Robet Nevens
Robt Noevens Jur
Jacob Butler Junr
Jacob Hardy
John Mussey
Benjamin Gage
Joseph Richardson
Jonathan Kimball
Josiah Hardy
John Wyman
Daniel Butler
Asa Hildreth
Jonathan Stickney
Edward Coburn
Elijah Coburn
Benjamin Coburn
Philip Richardson jun^{r}
David Cumings
Edmund Hardy
Edmund Hardy Junr
Josiah gage
Richard Barker
Josiah Gutterson
Richard Hall
Isaac Webster
James Heath
Pearce gage
Josiah gage Ju^{r}
Daniel Gage Junr
Daniel Colburn
Joseph Butler
Eben^{r} Jaques
Joseph Wilson
John Baldwin
Daniel Barker
John Gibson
James Gibson
Barnabas Gibson
Asa Richardson
Eben^{r} Barker
Andrew Barker
James Shearburn
Joshua Hamblet
mark Gould

[8–203] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants in reference to a Poll Parish.*]

To the Hon^{bl} Senate and house of Representatives—

This may Certify that we the Subscribers Not having any oppertunity to Sine that Petition before it was sent to your honnours for a Pole Parish In the Town of Pelham we would wish that our Names might be as well Excepted as if thay had Ben Put to the Petition as we are Jointly Conected in the Same Boddy

David Johnson
Paul Tenney
James Foster
Samuel Richardson
Samuel gains
Jonas Richerdson
William Johnson
Ebeneser Richerdson
Jeremiah Gage

[8–204] [*Vote of Town relative to Poll Parish.*]

At an Ajournment of a Town Meeting Sepr the 5th 1786 Voted not to send a man to Court in Answer to a Protion for a Poll Parish

John Ferguson Town Clerk

[See introduction, page 143.—Ed.]

[8–205] [*Relative to a New Parish.*]

at a Town Meeting april 28th 1783—

2ly Voted to Excuse all those of Their Minister Rate for the future who hath or Shall Sign their Names a Gainst the Revd Mr Moody voted that one Month from the date here of is Given to those who hath not Signed to Sign for or a Gainst the Revd Mr Moody

at an Adjournment of a Town Meeting to the 27th day of Febuary 1786

3ly Voted to Give Liberty for a Pole Parrish in said Town

A True Coppy Test—John Ferguson Town Clerk—

[8–206] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

In Obedience to the Requisition of the General Court of Octob^{r} Last for making out the Number of Polls paying for themselves a Poll Tax

We the Subscribers have Proceeded accordingly and find the Number to be in the Town of Pelham—155

Joshua Atwood, Thos Spafford, Benj^{a} Barker } Selectmen of Pelham

[Sworn to before Josiah Gage, Dec. 27, 1783.]

[8–207] [*Petition of the Selectmen of Pelham relative to the Observance of Sunday: addressed to the General Assembly.*

Humbly Sheweth—

That amongst the many Sins of this land against the Supreame being the Breach of the Lords Day is very nottorious: persons are So bold and Insulting that if an officer So much as mention the Breach of Sabbath he is treated with threats &

insults, we Beg leave to observe that if the Lords Day ought to be kept holy we think that we have no other place to look but to you our political fathers to make Salutary Laws for the purpose—And whereas the law now in force for the Observation of the Lords Day is insufficient to answer the purpose intended in the first place we think it is not so Explicit as we would Wish and Secondly the fines is not so high as they ought to be; and lastly that there is not officers enough impowered to Execute the Same; For these & some other reasons that might be mentioned—We your Petitioners Humbly pray your Excellency & Hon^{rs} to take the Subject matter of our petition under your wise & Serious Consideration and pass Such a law as may answer the Salutary purpose propossed and as in Duty bound Shall pray

To the Genl assembly to meet at Portsmouth the 20th of oct^{br} 1784

Benj^{a} Barker
Josiah Gage
Jesse Smith

[8–208] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Pelham for a Poll Parish: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly Sheweth that it hath been our unhapy Lot in the Town of Pelham for a Long Time to Live in a Broken and DisaGreable Situation with Respect to our Religious Matters in Said Town as we Cannot Receive any Spiritual Edefication from the Preaching of the Rev^{ent} Mr Moody Now Minister in s^{d} Town and for a Long Time have not attended the Same, But have attended at Windham and elsewhere on Publick Worship which is Very Inconvenient for your Petitioners & Burdenson To others Where we attend—

We further Shew your Honnors we have Made many & Long Trials to Conceliate the Matters or to be Set off by a Pole Perish as we Pay a Very Large Share of the Minister Tax in S^{d} Town which we think is Very hard & not agreable to the Constitution of the State as we Do not Nor for a Long Time have not attended or been any Trouble to Said Minister or People in there Religious Matters, & as the Town of Pelham have at a Leagel Town Meeting Voted their Consent for a Pole Parish in Said Town, & as we Consider your Honnors to be Guardens for the People & will with Equal Justice Releave the Distressed —therefore Pray your Honnors to Take our Complaint under your Wise Consideration & grant us a Pole Perish acording to the Vote of Said Town, or grant us Releaf as your Honnors In

your Greate Wisdom Shall See fit—and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Dated Pelham June 9th 1786—

Josiah Gage	Aaron wyman	Josiah Gutterson
John Bradford	Jese wyman	Rechard Hall
David gage	Josiah wyman	Abner foster
Isaac Barker	Dudley Hardy	Jonathan Barker
Ebenezer Webster	Nehem Butler	Richard Barker
Jonathan Webster	Daniel Wyman	Stephen Person
Jacob Kemp	Isaac Barker Hatter	Peirce Gage
Asa Hardy	Joseph Baldwin	P: Merrill Coburn
Lot Spaulding	Edmund Hardy	Asa Coburn
Daniel tenney	James Hall	Abner Gage
Eliphelet Hardy	Jesse Willson	William Webber
Caleb Butler	Daniel Willson	Jesse Smith
Jesse Barker	Timothy Davis	Phinehas Merrill
Ebenezer Barker	Zebulon May	Amos Gage
John Nevens	David Butler	

[The foregoing petition was granted, and the petitioners erected into a new parish for church purposes, January 4, 1787.—Ed.]

[8–209] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Pelham to have a Library incorporated: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly Shew that your Petitioners with their Associates have been at Considerable Expence in purchasing Books for the purpose of infusing usefull knowledge in Pelham and finding our selves under Some Disadvantages for the want of an incorporation therefore pray your Honours, that they with Such others as may hereafter Join them may be incorporated into a body politic for the purpose aforesaid under Such Rules and Regulations as are usual in Institutions of a Simular nature—and as in Duty bound will Ever pray

John Ferguson
Josiah Gage
James Gibson
Aaron Hardy
Daniel Hardy
Nehemiah Butler

Pelham November 18 1797

[This petition was granted, and the library incorporated December 9, 1797.—Ed.]

PEMBROKE.

The township was granted May, 1726, by the government of Massachusetts to Capt. John Lovewell and 59 others, in consideration of their services in fighting the Indians, and went by the Indian name of Suncook until it was incorporated, November 1, 1759, by the general court of the province of New Hampshire. The petition asking for an incorporation stated that "about sixty familys were settled partly within the Township of Bow & partly at a Place called Suncook & at a Place called Buckstreet." In the act of incorporation the town was named "Pembrook," probably in honor of the Earl of Pembroke. Walter Bryant was authorized to call the first meeting of the inhabitants.

December 17, 1763, the town was divided into two parishes for church purposes—Congregational and Presbyterian.

The following Pembroke men were in the 1st N. H. Regiment:

Noah Emery, entered April 10, 1777, discharged January 1, 1778.

James Muchmore, entered January 23, 1777, discharged January 23, 1780.

Samuel Phelps,* entered January 1, 1777, discharged November 18, 1779.

Capt. Ebenezer Frye was first lieutenant in Capt. Daniel Moor's Co., Stark's Reg't. as organized at Cambridge, April, 1775. He was in the service more than five years.

A dispute between the towns of Pembroke and Allenstown, concerning the building of bridges over Suncook river, resulted in the passage of an act, December 24, 1798, extending the line of Pembroke "to the Easterly and Southerly Bank of Suncook River."

By an act approved December 13, 1804, all the territory belonging to the town of Bow situated on the east side of Merrimack river was severed from that town, and annexed to Concord and Pembroke.

[8–232] [*Petition for a Guard, 1747.*]

The Humble Petition of Sundry Persons Inhabitants of a Place called Suncook in said Province

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* Wounded; reported to be at Schenectady January 10, 1778; age 19.

Shews

That your Petitioners live very much Exposed to the Indian Enemy & may with truth & Propriety Say, they get their bread at the Peril of their lives by Reason of the Sword of the Wilderness—there being no place within 18 or 20 Miles from them, from whence they could Expect any help in Case of an Attack from the Enemy—Whereby their Husbandry is greatly Impeded & not only So but they must be Obliged to Quit their Plantations & Come in to Some place or places of Greater Safety unless Supported where they are

That the breaking up of the frontier Settlem^{t} is a thing of a bad Tendency & Consequence many ways, which is too obvious to need a particular mention as also that it is much better for the Public Safety to keep the Enemy at as Great Distance as possible, and Your Petitioners having at great Expence (to them) bro't their Settlements to a good Degree of Improvem^{t} are the more unwilling to Quit them wherefore they Humbly Pray that a number of Soldiers May be Sent to Guard & Defend them while they are Cultivating & Improving their Lands and doing their necessary Labours of the Summer Season & be otherways aiding & assisting to them in the usual & Customary way & manner, & they shall as in duty bound Ever Pray &c

Samuel Smith Moses Tyler James Moore Benj^{a} Holt David Abbot Richard Eastman John Cochran John Nox John Fife Ephraim Blunt Thos McConnell David Lovejoy John Noyce Caleb Lovejoy Marias Whittemore William Moor Wm Nox James White Aaron Whittemore Wm Nox Saml Gott Andrew Gott Joseph Brown Francis Doyn James Man—
moses foster

[The assembly ordered that "eight good effective men" be impressed, and posted at Suncook, to be changed once a month, until the 20th of October, 1747, if need be.—Ed.]

[8-233] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1757: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Humble Petition of John Noyce of a Place called Suncook as Agent of Sundry of the inhabitants of said Place & of Bow & Places adjoining.

Shews—

That there are near Sixty Families Inhabiting within the Boundaries of the Township of Bow of the Said Place Called Suncook & a Place called Buck Street which are Situated So

near one another as to be Convenient for a Township but Some of them are upon Lands not within any Township & others within Said Township of Bow by Reason whereof they cannot all join and Act as a Place Incorporated—That they have a Minister of the Gospel Settled among them who has been for a Considerable time Supported by Voluntary Contribution which fall heavy on a few of them while others go free and as they have thots of Building a Meeting House which is now Necessary it will be Still a Greater Burthen on those who are Willing to do all they can to advance the Settlement of the Lands there than if they had Authority to Lay a Just & Proportionable Tax on all who may Enjoy the Benefit of it—

That the Bounds they Propose for a Township are as follows viz on the West by Merrimack River on the North by Sou-Cook River on the East by the Townships of Chichester & Ipsom & on the South by Sun-Cook River within which Limits is Contain'd about the Quantity of Six Miles Square and they are Natural & Suitable Boundaries for a Township—

That it is not Proposed that by Erecting Such a Township the Property of the Lands should be Affected—But as part of Said Lands fall within the Bounds of Bow which is a Township already Incorporated it is necessary the Proposed Incorporation Shoud be made by a Special Act to Disunite & Exonerate the Said Inhabitants from the Duties of the former Incorporation

Wherefore Your Petitioner in behalf of his Constituents Humby Prays That a Township may be made by the Boundaries aforesaid & Infranchised with the usual Liberties Powers & Privileges of Corporate Towns in Said Province & Exempted from Subjection to any other Town and that he may have Leave to bring in a Bill Accordingly And he Will Ever Pray &c—

John Noyes

[The town was incorporated by the name of "Pembrook," November 1, 1759.—Ed.]

[8–234] [*Consent of Inhabitants of Buckstreet to foregoing, 1758.*]

We the In Habitence of Buckstreet who Shewed oure Desire To be InCorperated with Suncook (So Called) ware and are free and willing for the Same with a pervisal we might be free from paying any Back Rates Either to Province or minester which Thay promised us and now Refuse which we Think

Very unresonable for us to pay their Debts Due Before we Joyne Being Scarsely able to pay oure own

Thomas Lucas
Thomas Sincklor
John m^{c}gaffey
David Connor
James Luckus
James Cochran
Daniel Luckos
William Fullerton
John Sinkler
Joseph Sinkler
William Marten
Samuel Connor Juner

[8–235]

[This document is a crude plan of the premises mentioned in the foregoing petition for an incorporation, showing the land proposed to be included.—Ed.]

[8–236] [*Committee relative to action of the Proprietors in the matter of Incorporation.*]

Province of Newhamp^{r} october ye 12th 1759

whereas the Proprietors of Bow in Said Province at their annual meeting held at Stratham in Said Province by adjornment on the 2^{d} Day of this Instant october made Chose of us the Subscribers with others to Joyn with the Inhabatance of a Certain tract of Land Lying between ye Rivers meremack Suncook & Soucook & ye Southwest Side of Chichester or their agent Mr John Noyes to Do all that in us Lay to obtain a parish of ye afore Said Land—Pursuant thereto we humble Beg that your Exelency would be Pleased to grant the petition of m^{r} John noyes which petition is Signed by him & Dated ye 6th Day of January 1758 & your petitions Shall as In Duty Bound Ever pry &c

Israel Gilman
Walter Bryent } Comm^{ttee}
Saml Lane

[8–237] [*Petition of David Connor and Thomas McLucas relative to Ministerial Affairs: addressed to the General Assembly, Jan. 14, 1763.*]

Shews,

That the Rever^{d} Mr Aaron Whittemore as Minister of said

Parish by the Consideration of the Justices of his Majesty's Super[r] Court of Judicature, lately recovered Judgment against the Inhabitants of said Parish, for the Sum of near three thousand pounds old Tenor, as an Arrearage of Salary for about twenty Months from the time of bringing his Action, due to [words torn off].

That at the time said Parish was Incorporated, many of the Inhabitants were Presbyterians bred up according to the form of the Kirk of Scotland, who tho' they joind with the Congregationalists, when they coud not obtain and Support a Minister of their Own Sentiments in these matters, yet always Intended as soon as a sufficient number of that Denomination were settled in the Parish to settle a minister of their own, One who was Educated in and professd the Principles of the said Kirk, and accordingly for more than Seven Eighth's of the said Time, they had such a Minister, who has continued with them ever since, and is Ordained according to the form aforesaid— That it has been Resolved by the Legislative Authority of this Prov[e] and often Determined by the Executive Courts, that the Presbyterians living in any Parish where the Settled Minister is a Congregationalist, attending Divine worship according to their Own Way, (either in the same Parish or Elsewhere,) are by the Law of the Province, exempted from paying towards the Support of such Minister, as well as the Members of the Church of England or the Quakers—

That the sum Recovered as aforesaid is Intirely for the Ministers Service of which the Presbyterians in Pembroke had not the benefit, excepting about two Months, and Many of them who have settled there since, not so much as that, but having a Minister of their own, all the Rest of said time, are Clearly within the Exemption and Saving of the Law aforesaid; and tho' the Judgment aforesaid, was Recovered agt the Inhabitants in General, (it not being the Pla[ts] business to Distinguish those Exempted from the rest, for if there had been fifty Quakers there, the Action and Judgment woud have been in the same form against the Inhabitants, and yet in that Case nobody woud have tho't such Quakers Liable to pay towards Satisfying the Judgment,) yet the said Presbyterians, conceive they Ought not to pay, for any more than that proportion of time, while they attended M[r] Whittemore's Ministry, which they are willing to do, and for more they humbly Conceive they should not be Subjected by Law—but as many trials in that way, would tend to the Ruin of the Parish, they desire to prevent it by some more Amicable and Summary Method— and tho Such an Equitable assessment might be made, by the Select men, yet being parties and Interested, as it woud be extremely Difficult for them to be Impartial, so few woud be sat-

isfied and acquiesce, with what they shoud do in that matter— Wherefore your petition[rs] in behalf of their principals, Humbly pray, that some suitable disinterested Persons, of some other Town or Parish, may be Authorized to Assess said Sum, (which is yet to be Raisd,) on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants aforesaid, and to adjust and Assess the proportion of the said Presbyterians in Equity, according to the time they Respectively sat under M[r] Whittemore's Ministry, after the Incorporation aforesaid, or the time of his Settlement after it— and that each Society may for the future be Considered as a Distinct Parish, and Indpend[t] of One Another, as to the Support of the Gospel Ministry. And that your Petition[rs] may have leave to bring in a bill accordingly and they will as Duty bound Ever Pray &c—

David Connor
Thomas [mc]Lucas } agents

[In H. of Rep., June 2, 1763, the petitioners were granted liberty to bring in a bill. Council concurred with an amendment as follows :—Ed.]

In Council June 3[d] 1763. Read and Concurred with this Amendment that the Presbiterian party pay their Proportion of Judgment Recovered by M[r] Whittemore till they had a Minister Settled by the Presbitery, which is three months and whereas the Parish have Voted to Raise by Tax a Sum of Money to oppose the Prosecution of these affairs, which was as it appears in favour of the Presbiterians, that what ever sum this may amount to, the Congregational party to be exonerated from—

T. Atkinson, Jun[r] Sec[y]

In the House of Representatives Eod[m] Die
Read & Concurred—

A Clarkson Clerk

[See Vol. IX, p. 659.—Ed.]

[8–241] [*Petition of Jonathan Dix for a Ferry: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1774.*]

Humbly shews—

That your Petitioner is desirous of improving a certain Place in Merrimack River for a Publick Ferry about three Miles below Merrills Ferry so called, at which Place Your Petitioner humbly begs leaves to represent unto Your Excellency and Honours that there will be the great passing Roads from

the Towns of Hillsborough Heneker Dunbarton and many other Towns even so far Westward as Charlestown, That it will not only Accomodate those Towns with Conveniency of passing but lessen their Distance some Miles in the travelling to Portsmouth the Metropolis of this Province—

Your Petitioner also humbly begs Leave to assure Y^r^ Excellency and Honours that if he is indulged in this his Petition, he will be very solicitous to provide a proper Boat or Boats to accommodate every Traveller in his passing and repassing s^d^ River and Otherways Oblige himself to fulfill and perform all such Restrictions and Regulations as Your Excellency and Honours may think proper to lay upon him And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Jonathan Dix

Portsmouth Jany 21st 1774—

[An elaborate plan of the river, from a point above Horseshoe pond to a point below Hooksett falls, which accompanied this petition, may be found in manuscript vol. 2, p. 229.—Ed.]

[8–239] [*Jonathan Dix recommended.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of Concord, Bow and Pembroke do apprehend it necessary to have a Ferry Established across Merrimack River between Pembroke and Bow at a place called the old Ferry place about a Mile below Garvins Falls; And do think that Mr Jonathan Dix is a very fit person to keep a Ferry there, and will keep a good one.

March the 22nd 1774

Peter Green
And^w^ M^c^Millan
David Gilman
Jno Bryent
Sam^ll^ Noyes
Samuel Connor
Peter Robinson
Benja Norris

[8–240] [*Measurements relative to the Ferry, 1774.*]

February ye 3^d^ 1774—

We the Subscribers by Jonathan Dix^s^ Desire have Measured a part of Merrymack River Beginning att Garvins Falls So Called Down the River on the Ice to the mouth of Soucook River So Called and find it to be 192 Rods from thence to the

old Ferry place So Called 128 Rods from thence to the Mouth of the Meeting House Brook So Called 60 Rods from thence to a Large white pine tree Standing on the westerly side of the River on Land of Mr Alexanders 260 Rods Being in the whole two Miles which is an Exact Measure by the Chain on the Ice—

Benjamin Norris Servayor
Stephen Bartlett

[8–242] [*Petition for Ammunition, 1776.*]

To the Honourable the Provential Congress now Setting at Exeter,—

Gentlemen—

We being the Select men of Pembroke and haveing been frequently Importuned to get a Store of Powder of which at Present we have none and There being a number of Men Willing to go in Order to Stop the British Troops and Canadians from Penitrating into the back Settlements of New England Pray Procure Some Powder & lead for us If Possible viz About One hundred w^t^ of gun Powder & About Half H^d^ W^t^ of Lead and About Two Hundred Flints or as Much as Will Answer for the Present Nesesity on Any Terms and Send p^r^ favour of m^r^ Aaron Whittemore we have no Store amongst us and men Would make but a Poor hand of Fiteing an Enemy with out Ammunition pray don't fail of Sending if it Can be Procured. we are Gentlemen Your Most Humble Serv^ts^

Pembroke July 2^d^ 1776—

Willm Cochran } Select men of
David Abbot } Pembroke

[8–243] [*Relative to Capt. Mc Connell.*]

Pembrook June ye 5th 1777—

Whereas it appears that Some Ill minded Persons have a Design to Injure the Chorector of Capt Samuel M^c^Connell—

we the Subscribers Committee of Safty and Inspection for the town of Pembrook, Do hereby Certify to all whom it may Concearn that he has appeared to be a friend to his Country and has all ways Been Ready both in Person and Estate to asist and Contrebute in the Defance of the Common Cause of Amerrica—

Jacob Doyne
James Robertson
David Connor

[8–245] [*Petition relative to Capt. McConnell: addressed to the Council and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly Sheweth that whereas Capt Samuel McConnell on the 28 of May 1777 Did by a small majority of Votes obtain a Vote for to Represent S^{d} town in General assembly and as we are Consious to our Selves that he is an Enemy to the Glorious Cause we are now Engaged in and that Such Persons being Introduced into our Publick assemblies will be Atended with the Most Dangerous and Fatal Consequences—therefore pray that your Honnours will take the Subject Matter of this our Petition into Consideration and Grant us a Day of Hearing as Soon as may be Conveniently had and Dismiss said m^{c}Connell from your hous and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Pembroke June 2^{d} 1777

James Head	Asa Foster	Peter Gilman
Lovell Baker	Joseph Baker	Peter Gilman Jr
Jere^{h} Wardwell	Job Abbott	John Carlton
John head	Nath^{ll} Head	Nathnel Lakman
Thomas Baker	Nath^{ll} Ambrose	William Carlton
Joseph Swett	Jonathan Bartlet	Asa Foster Jr
David Abbott	Benjamin Holt	

[8–246] [*Statement of the Moderator relative to the Proceedings of a Town-Meeting.*]

Pembroke December 8th 1777

The Proceedings of the Inhabitants of Pembroke at a Meeting to Chuse a Representative on the Above Said day it was Almost Night when the Select men Came to the meeting house and After the Moderator was Chosen it was so Dark in the Meeting house he Could not Read the warrant til he Changed Places with the (Clk) to have the light of a window after he had Read the warrant Richard Bartlet Esqr Motion'd Against Sending any Representative and was Seconded by Some but he Insisted upon it So much that Although it was against my own mind I put it to Vote to se if they would Chuse a man to Send to Cort there Seemed to be Some more hands ag^{t} it than was for it but Several men Came forward and said it was no Vote for Some men held up both hands then Col^{o} Gilman made a Speech and advised to Send a man and then they Seemed in General to be of a mind to Send a man then I Desired them to bring in their Votes for a Representative and Accordingly they

did there was 44 Votes for Col° Gilman although Some of them I thought had no Right to Vote one of them is not of age Alth° his father would not tell me when Asked the Question Some Others that Never paid a Tax in the Town Neither were they free holders which I thought had no Right to Vote for a Representative and there was 45 Votes for Capt m^{c}Connell and one for Lt Head the Clerk Spoke and Said it was a Tye and I Spoke So after him and Some of the men Said there was a man Comeing that would untie it So both Parties waited with Patience till the man Came in but Clk Bartlet went out of the meeting house to get the man to Vote for Col° Gilman as I was afterwards Informed alth° he Did not make out So I waited for the Clerk till he Came in and Asked him If he had Voted and he Told me he had & I told I had not yet So I Voted for Capt m^{c}-Connell which made 47 Votes for him with the man's Vote that Came in and Then I Told them that they had made Choice of Capt m^{c}Connell for their Representative and Imediately after that was Proclaimed Both by the Moderator and the Town Clerk—

Several men went away and Seing that Nath^{ll} Head Came forward and Said he was Dissatisfied with the Choice and then they began In a Confused manner to Talk of haveing a Pole Others Said it was not fair to Ask a pole when part of the men was gone home Others Said they had no Right to ask a pole when Three men was Voted for So they began to get Very warm in Disputing it Soon grew Dark Capt m^{c}Connell Spoke and Said he was willing to Throw up his Choice and let the Meeting be Adjourned till the next Day and let the Town Try if they Could Choose Some man that would Please them all: Col° Gilman Spoke and Said it was little Satisfaction to Represent a Town and but little more than half the people for him but he was for the Meeting going on and Spoke of haveing a Candle and Instantly there was a lited Candle brought into the meeting house and Then Insisted on their haveing a pole Athough a great many of the men was gone home which I thought was not proper at that time of Night but Intended they Should have a pole the next Day and as there was two Other Articles in the warrant and in the Confusion the Clerk left the meeting although I Desireded him to Stay a little longer: so I Advised to have the meeting Adjournd Some Appeared warm for it Others Against it So as the Clk: had left the meeting I thought best to Adjourn till the next day at one OClock after noon at the Same place but the Clerk Could not be found Neither Could there be Enterance into that meeting house for the man that had the key refused Giveing it up So I went to the meeting house & Called the meeting and Adjourned it to the Other meeting house and then Opened the meeting again &

Some of them Desired a pole which was granted and there was fifty Legal Voters that pol'd for Capt McConnell to be Representative then I proceeded on the Other Articles & then Desolved so Imediately Aplication was made to Col^{o} Gilman he being one of the Selectmen and haveing the Precept that it might be Sent but he uterly Refused Signing or Giveing it up to any man So I Shall leave It to your Honours whether Capt m^{c}Connall was legaly Chosen to Set as a Representative or whether your Honours will Send a precept for a New Choice

William Cochran Moderator

Pembroke January 2^{d} 1778

The Occation of the foregoing Proceedings not been Sent Sooner was because Some Persons gave out word that they Determined to Break the meeting.

[8–247 and R. 3–105] [*Petition to be annexed to Col. Stickney's Regiment, 1777.*]

To the Honble Council & House of Representatives setting at Exeter—

The petition of us the subscribers as well the alarm List as the training Band of the first Company of Melitia in Pembroke, it being the Second Company in Col^{o} Daniel Moors Regiment humbly sheweth—That your Petitioners live at a distance from the body of the Regiment and at a greater distance from their Colonel which renders the situation disagreeable in many respects—as we lay bordering on Col^{o} Stickney's Regiment we think it would much more commode us as well as being more convenient to the public to be annexed to Col^{o} Stickney's Regiment—We therefore desire your Honours will grant Complyance or point out some other Method that your Petitioners may be remidied and as your Petitioners are in duty bound shall ever pray—Decem^{r}: 30th, 1777—

Asa Foster	Jno Parker	Saml Phelphs
Asa Foster Jr.	Joseph Parker	Nathan Holt
Fred^{k} Foster	Lemuel Stickney	Jerem^{h} Abbott
Joseph Swett	Wm Carlton	Samuel Abbott Jr
Eliph^{t} Swett	Benj^{a} Mills	Nathl Gilman
Benjn Whittemore	Richd Head	Peter Gilman Jr
Thom^{s} Baker	Saml Kimball	Zeb^{n} Gilman
Nathl Lakeman Jr.	Dean Merrill	Job Abbott
Saml Lakeman	Nathan Noyes	Joseph Emery
Saml Abbott	Aaron Whittemore	Saml Piper
David Lovejoy	Peter Whittemore	Benj^{a} Piper

Danl Holt	David Kimball	Daniel Noyes
Nathl Head	Benj^{a} Jennis	Joshua Kimball
Jno Head	John Carlton	Chandler Lovejoy
Elias Whittemore	Jer^{h} Morgan	Caleb Lovejoy
Joseph Baker	Moses Forster	Nathl Lakeman
Lovewell Baker	Mitchel Kimball	Nathl Ambrose
Jer^{h} Wardwell	James Head	Jon^{a} Bartlett
Levi Carter	Frye Holt	
Benj^{a} Hall	Josiah Haggett	

[In H. of Rep., January 2, 1778, a hearing was ordered for the next session; meanwhile Colonels Moor and Stickney were to be notified. November 13, 1778, the H. of Rep.,—

"*Resolved*, That the first company of militia in Pembroke commonly called the English Company, be separated and disjoined from the Regiment commanded by the said Col^{o} Daniel Moore, and be annexed to the regiment commanded by Col^{o} Thomas Stickney."—Ed.]

[R. 3–107] [*Soldier's Discharge, 1780.*]

—— Smith Soldier in the first N. Hampshire Reg^{t} formerly an Inhabitant of Pembrook' County of Rockingham and state of N. Hampshire having honourably and faithfully served in the service of the United States Three years being the term of his Inlistment is hereby Discharged from the Army and is permitted to return to the state of N. Hampshire

Jo^{s} Cilley Col^{o}

To whom it may Concern

West Point April 20th 1780

[R. 3–108] [*Capt. Head's Return, 1780.*]

a return of my orders July the 1 ye 1780

I have inlisted four men to serve in the Continental Servis at Head Quarters for three months viz moses Tyler John Parker Amos Lakeman Fredrick foster all of Pembroke also Levy Carter for Coos Campain also of Pembroke Said Carter is ordered to Pass muster July the 10 the other four at Amherst July 12th

Nathl Head Capt

Pembroke July 10th ye 1780

[R. 3–109] [*Capt. Head's Return, 1781.*]

Persuant to my orders I have Raised two men one by inlistment and the other by Draft, Viz Aaron Kimball by inlistment and Gideon Piper by Draft

Pembroke Sept 22th 1781

Nathl Head Capt

To Colo Thos Stickney

[8–248] [*Petition relative to Samuel Daniell, 1782: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth that whereas your Remonstrancers did present to your Honle Court at their session in March last a petition praying that Leut Saml Daniell Might be appointed to the Office of a Justice of the peace but by being then Opposed was postponed to their Next session when a Joint petition from the Inhabitants of Allenstown was presented Upon both which the Committees of your Honle Court Reported the prayer should be granted Yet Nevertheless the same was opposed which prevented the Report being Accepted; though we Humbly conceive the argument adduced against said petition did no ways prove any Disquallification in said Daniell to be appointed as above but it appears to us your Remonstrancers that the opposition proceeded Cheifly from a motive of private prejudice or self Interest: therefore Depending upon it your Honle Court Aimes to Act from Nobler Motives then those.—

we your Remonstrancers pray & Petition that your Honle Court will Reconsider or Reassume the consideration of the Repeated Reports of your committees of the Honll Court; on the foresaid Petitions and will Accept & Receive the same as we Humbly conceive the same to be but Equitable Reasonable & Just and we again Recommend said Daniell as being Quallifyed to a competent degree for said Office and Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall always pray

Pembrook June 17th 1782

William Cochran	willm Knox	Andrew Norris
Nehemiah McDaniel	James Cunningham	John Cullimore
John mcDaniel	William Fife	Ezekiel Morril
Robt Martin	John White	Jacob Gray
Samuel Gault	James Fife	William Knox,
William Martin	John Fife	William Knox,
Samll Martin	Moses McConnell	David Knox
Thomas Cochran	John Moor Junr	Starling Sargent
Nathan Piper	John man	Simeon Sargent

Nathaniel Piper	Samuel Man	Philap Sargent
John Connor	Willuam Man	John Linord
Daniel lucas	william merten Juner	John Linord
David Robinson	Robert moor	David Webster
David Connor	Samuel Parker	Samuel webster
Gideon Piper	John Knox	John Webster
Fredrick Worthen	Jacob Doyne	James Cochran
James man	Francis Doyne	James Cochran Ju^{r}
James Knox	Samuel Gault	Richard Wait
Joseph Cochran	Matthew Gault	David wells
William Knox	And^{w} Robertson	Saml McConnell
John Knox Jur	William Robertson	Nathan Holt
Daniel Knox	And^{w} Gault	Nathan Holt
Biley Smith	william gault	
Trueworthy Dudley	Samuel Noyes	

[8–249] [*Petition relative to electing a Representative: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives, 1788.*]

Humbly shews—

That the Annual meeting of said Inhabitants for the purpose of Choosing Town Officers by the Incorporation is fixed on the last Monday of March Annually that it has been a Custom heretofore to Choose our Representative for said Town on that day that Article was in our last Warning but it happening to be the last day of said Month and having many Articles to Act upon could not Choose a Representative, but adjourned the same meeting to Monday the 9th Instant, on which day we Humbly pray we may have the Liberty Choose s^{d} Representative or that your Honors would releive us in such manner as you in your great Wisdom shall think fit—

Concord June 5th 1788

John Knox J^{r}
Stephen Bartlet } Selectmen
Isaac Morrison

[8–250] [*Petition of Bryant and Bartlett for the privilege of erecting a Toll-Bridge.*]

Humbly shew John Bryent of Bow and Richard Bartlet of Pembroke in the County of Rockingham Esquires; that a bridge over merrimack river, near turkey river falls (so called) would be of great publick utility—that the said Bryent is the owner of the land adjoining said falls, on each side of said river.

Wherefore they pray your honors to grant them their heirs and assigns the exclusive right of building a toll bridge over said river at said falls, or at any other place upon said river, between the grant of James Robinson and the grant lately owned by Samuel Butters: with liberty of taking such reasonable toll as your honors in your great wisdom shall think fit, the one half of the toll after thirty years to be received for the use of the state, and the other for the benefit of the proprietors—and as in duty bound will ever pray—

Concord Jany 11 1790— Jno Bryent
Richard Bartlet

[8–251] [*Memorial addressed to the Committee on the Erection of a Bridge.*]

Humbly sheweth
That they have Joined Issue in the petitions preferred to the Honorable Court concerning Erecting a Bridge over Merimac River they pray the Honble Committee to report on the first petition as to Securing the privelidge to their heirs & assigns if agreeable to Your Honors

Jacob Green
Danl Livermore
Enoch Noyes
William Duncan

[8–252] [*Petition of the Selectmen of Pembroke and Bow for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to build a Bridge: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly Sheweth—
Whereas a Bridge a Cross Merrimack River at some Conveniet place would be of great Service to the State, and your Humble Petitioners beg leave to acquaint the Honble Court, that there is a place on Said River a little below Garvens falls (so call'd) known by the name of the little Falls, which we are Concious to be the Best place upon the River, to Build a Bridge, upon all accounts, firstly Nature has form'd the place so well with good high Rocky Banks, that it is never overflowed, and the River Very narrow, and a good Rocky Bottom, and So Shoal that Men may work in the Water with Conveniency, generaly the Summer Season. and likewise seems to be the most Centeral for Roads, leading from the Exterior parts of the State, through Pembroke to Portsmouth and Exeter, and Very little farther to Haverhill or Newburyport, than to Cross below the

other falls, (which we think would not be so much for the Public Benefit of the State as to Cross higher on the River) Therefore our Prayer is that the Honble Court would take this under their wise Consideration (and if they Should think the above Named place most Convenent) and Grant to the Perish of Pembroke and the Town of Bow the Privilege of a Lottery for the Sole purpose of Building a free Bridge for the Benefit of the Public; a Cross Merrimack River at the aforesaid place, And that the s^{d} Towns shall have the Exclusive Right upon Said River for Building Said Bridge from garvens falls Down S'd River to the mouth of Moors Brook So Call'd, and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray.

Pembroke Jan^{ry} ye 19th 1791

Stephen Bartlet } Select Men
James Cunningham } of Pembroke
James Robertson } Select Men
Saml Gault } of Bow

[8–255] [*Petition of Jacob Green and Enoch Noyes: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives.*]

Sheweth,—

That whereas a Bridge, across Merrimack River, somewhere between the Right of Ferriage, lately belonging to Samuel Butters, and one mile below the Isle-Hooksett, so called, in the same River;—would be of exceeding advantage to the State of New-Hampshire;—And as it appears to your Petitioners, that they should be able, with the approbation, of your Honors, to erect such a Bridge within the Limits aforesaid, as will, in all respects, be not only Convenient for every passenger;—but of great publick Utility—

They humbly pray your Honors, to take the Premises into your wise Consideration,—and grant to the said Green & Noyes —their Heirs & Assigns forever, the exclusive Right of erecting—maintaining and keeping up a toll Bridge within the said Boundaries.—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.—

Concord Jany 7th 1791.—

Jacob Green
Enoch Noyes

[8-253] [*Petition of William Duncan and Daniel Livermore for Authority to erect a Toll-Bridge: addressed to the General Court, January, 1791.*]

Humbly sheweth

That your petitioners have long entertained the design of erecting a Bridge over Merrimac River below Concord provided they could have suitable encouragement.

They are persuaded that the undertaking would be very expensive but conceive that it would be very advantageous to the public—under the conviction that they shall have all the aid and assistance which a work of such public utility merits & which an enlightened and patriotic Legislature will most readily bestow they are induced at this time to propose to the honourable the General Court that they will build a Bridge over said River Merrimac about eight miles below Concord upon such reasonable Toll as shall be agreed upon & established by law—that after forty years from the building the Bridge shall have expired the toll shall be one moiety to the proprietors of the Bridge & the other to the State.

provided the State will give them the exclusive right of erecting a Bridge over said River at any place within ten miles below Butters' privilege of ferry—

And in duty bound shall ever pray—

William Duncan
Daniel Livermore

[Feb. 17, 1791, an act was passed granting Jacob Green, Enoch Noyes, William Duncan, and Daniel Livermore the exclusive right to erect a toll-bridge over Merrimack river "between one mile below Isle Hooksett Falls and one mile above said falls."—Ed.]

[8-254] [*Petition of a Committee on the Bridge for a Lottery: addressed to the General Court, convened June 7, 1791.*]

Humbly shews The subscribers a Committee appointed by the Parish of Pembroke in said state—that being very desirous of a Bridge across merrimac River at or near Garvens falls & that the same may be a free bridge, and it appearing to your Petitioners that it would be of very great utility to the Public at large, and as there is no probability of any bridge being erected in consequence of the liberty granted by an act of the General Court of this state at their last session, therefore pray that your Honours would grant the liberty of raising by Lottery the sum

of Nine hundred pounds for the sole purpose of erecting a bridge at said falls or within one mile & a half of said falls either above or below the same as may be Judged most Convenient for the public good, which sum we suppose would be absolutely necessary for Compleating the same (but if said sum should exceed, the surplus to be placed in the Treasury of this state) or reserved for repairs as to your Honours may appear most Convenient, your Petitioners are of opinion that if a Lottery should be granted it would not be injurious to the public but only prevent those who wish to try their fortune in lotteries from Carrying the money out of this state into the neighbouring states, fully Confident that it will appear to your Honours that a free & safe passage over said river would be very advantageous to the public and that it is your desire to promote the public good, we trust that your honours will grant our Request under such restrictions as may seem meet—and that you will grant liberty to bring in a Bill accordingly, and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Richard Bartlet
Nath[l] Head
James Cochran } Committee
Daniel Knox
Sam[ll] M[c]Connell

The Committee on petition for Lottery Report that the prayer of the within petitioners be granted & that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly

Daniel Emerson Jr for the Committee

[8–256] [*Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants of Buckstreet against being annexed to Allenstown, 1798.*]

Humbly Shew—

The undersigned Inhabitants of that part of Pembroke in the County of Rockingham known by the name of Buckstreet; that the granting the prayers of two Petitions presented to your Honors at the last Session of the Honourable General Court held at Hopkinton on the first wednesday of June last past, (the one by the Inhabitants of the town of Allenstown in the County aforesaid, humbly praying to have annexed to said Allenstown, a tract of land with the Inhabitants thereof, which they in their Petition pretend to say, was taken off from the westerly part of Allenstown and included in Pembroke when

said town was incorporated, it being about one mile, and the same tract of land which is called Buckstreet; the other by a few of the Inhabitants living on said tract of land praying that the afores[d] Petition of Allenstown might be granted) would be greatly injurious and oppressive to your Petitioners; that your Petitioners never understood that the above mentioned tract of land was ever at any time esteemed a part of Allenstown, or that the inhabitants thereof had ever at any period of time any claim upon the same, by any grant whatever, or that Allenstown has as yet ever been incorporated, that by annexing the abovementioned part of Pembroke to Allenstown, Pembroke would be greatly injured, as the necessary town charges would fall more heavily on the remaining Inhabitants, and they would be necessitated to class with some other town for the purpose of choosing a Representative, as the number of Inhabitants that would then remain would be insufficient according to the Constitution for the purpose That the Inhabitants of Allenstown can with far less inconveniency support the Bridges over Suncook River than your Petitioners, your Petitioners having already a considerable extent of highway to maintain, and by reason of the fewness of their number, find it exceeding difficult to keep the same in proper repair, for the accomodation of travellers, and should the repairing and keeping in repair the Bridges over Suncook River be added to what they already have to do in regard to the reparation of public roads, they must inevitably sink under the burthen, and the Public remain unaccomodated. That but two of the persons who signed the other Petition said to be presented to your Honors by the Inhabitants living on the beforementioned tract of land were Freeholders in said town of Pembroke, that in their Petition they have stated "that the Inhabitants of Pembroke have refused, and still do refuse, to render any assistance, towards building and repairing the Bridges over Suncook-River" Which is altogether untrue: And it can evidently be made to appear, if necessary, by a number of respectable witnesses, that the Inhabitants of Pembroke, altho' obligated so to do, by no Law whatever, the same being without the limits of their town, have invariably for the space of twenty years last past, been at more than half the expense in keeping the aforesaid Bridges in repair; That your Petitioners together with the other Inhabitants of Pembroke have ever heretofore approved themselves true friends and lovers of their Country, in the most difficult times, and have ever demeaned themselves as good Citizens of this State, and borne with cheerfulness their proportion of all public expences, and are still ready to sustain their part in whatever may conduce to the public good.—

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors not to

do them so irreparable an injury as to annex the abovementioned tract of land, or any part thereof to Allenstown, by granting the prayers of the aforesaid Petitions, which can be but of little advantage to said Allenstown or to the Public at large; in comparison of the vast disadvantage it will be to your Petitioners and the town of Pembroke: and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Pembroke November 21st AD 1798

Solomon Whitehouse	Samuel Cochran	Thomas Kimball Jur
	Will[m] Cochran	
Christopher Osgood	Trueworthy Dudley	Joseph Emery
Robert Chase	John m[c]daniel	Benjamin Piper
Jacob Emery	John Ayer	Nehe[h] Cochran
Thomas Cochran	Caleb Lovejoy	Sam[l] Emery
Jacob Edes	Joseph Emery Jun[r]	

[See following document.]

[8-257] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Pembroke to be annexed to Allenstown: addressed to the General Court, 1798.*

Humbly Shew—

The undersigned, Inhabitants of that part of Pembroke which was taken off from Allenstown in the County of Rockingham, that they and the public have long laboured, and still labour under many and Great inconveniences by Reason of the badness of Bridges over Suncook river—

That the Town of Pembroke have refused and still refuse to render any assistance towards building and repairing said Bridges; Thereby, in effect, endeavouring to compel the town of Allenstown to Build and keep in repair all the Bridges across Suncook River, which we conceive to be very unreasonable and unjust, considering the fewness of the Inhabitants and the expence of making and repairing their other Roads and Bridges—And being informed that the Inhabitants of Allenstown are about petitioning your Honors to have that part of Pembroke afores[d] which was formerly Allenstown, Reannexed to Allenstown for the purpose of enabling them to build and Repair the Bridges over said river your petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors that the aforesaid petition of the Inhabitants of Allenstown may be granted, that they and the public may no longer suffer for the want of safe and convenient

Bridges over said River And as in duty bound They will ever pray—

Pembroke June 4th 1798—

John Cochran	Samuel Martin
Daniel Cochran	Thomas Robinson
James Cochran Junr	

[John Cochran and James Cochran, Jr., subsequently recanted. See vol. 8, p. 260, manuscript.—Ed.]

[8–258]

Length of the Roads in Allenstown claimed by Pembroke—

	M.	Rods.
From Epsom line, by Capt Whitehouse's to the main Road—	3.	
From Whitehouse's to Osgood's Mills	0.	60
Dudley's Road—	0.	100
Hardy's Road	1.	00
Two Short Bridges—		
Length of the several Roads in Allenstown—		
Main Road from Deerfield to Buck street Bridge	4.	260
Road from the to Candia—	3.	40
Road from Benja Wiggins' to Epsom line—		206
Road from the Schoolhouse to Epsom line—	2.	000
Road from Samll Brown's in Epsom to the main Road—	1.	000
Road from Chester Road by Mr Leonards and over Boat meadow Brook to the main Road—	4.	000
Road from the main Road to Mount Delight—	0.	240
Road from Osgood's mills to Chester line—		200
	16.	306
From Chester road to Bow line—		112
Length of Bridges—	1.	98
Miles	17.	98
		Feet.
Over Bear-Brook by Burgen's Mill—		115
Fisk's Bridge—		90
On the Road to Candia—		80
On the Road to Samll Brown's—		110
On the Road leading to Mount Delight—		50
On the Road leading by Leonards—		144
Feet—		589

Am[t] of highway tax in Allenstown in 1798 $130.29,7
Sum total of rateable Estate £69.10,7.—

[See introduction, page 153.—Ed.]

PETERBOROUGH.

The grant of the township was made by the legislature of Massachusetts to Samuel Heyward and others, Dec. 8, 1737, approved by Gov. Belcher Jan. 16, 1738, and surveyed in May following. The survey was accepted and the grant confirmed June 14, 1738. Proprietors' meetings were held in Boston until 1753. On the 26th and 27th of September in that year a meeting was held in the town, at which time the name Peterborough first appears on the proprietors' records. It is probable that it was named in honor of Charles Mordaunt, Earl of Peterborough. No permanent settlements were made in this town until about the year 1749, although several attempts had previously been made, and some land cleared.

The settlement of the province line in 1741 decided the town to be within the limits of New Hampshire. Being within the limits of the Masonian proprietors' claim, a settlement with them became necessary, and means were used which resulted in procuring a quitclaim to all the territory in town but 3,400 acres.

Peterborough was incorporated Jan. 17, 1760, "to have continuance for two years only;" it was, however, rechartered in April, 1762, to continue until disallowed by the king.

Jan. 29, 1789, a small tract of land was severed from the south-east corner of the town, and annexed to Temple.

A nearly full list of Revolutionary soldiers may be found in the History of Peterborough, by Dr. A. Smith. I find, credited to the town, in addition to that list, James Moor, entered Feb. 15, 1777, dismissed December, 1781, First N. H. regiment. Lieut. John Taggart was in Capt. Isaac Farwell's company at Bunker Hill, and was killed at Ticonderoga July 7, 1777. It will also be seen from the following papers that Daniel Russell claimed to be of Peterborough in 1780.

A portion of this town was taken off, and with other

tracts incorporated into the town of Greenfield June 15, 1791.

Peterborough is a manufacturing town, and because of its water-power is a prosperous community.

[8–210] [*Petition for help to build a Fort.*]

To his Excellency Binning Wentworth Esqr Capt. Genl & Govern^{r} In chief in and over his Maj^{s} Province of New Hampshire. and to the Hon^{l} his Maj^{s} council & house of Representatives: assembled att Portsmouth.

The humble address & Petition, of the Inhabitants of Peterborough so called

Humbly sheweth

That by the Providence of God, we are Settled under yor happy Government, & propose to take Sanctuary under yor Protection, & to do our utmost in Subjecting our Selves to your authority, upon every emergency; and account that we have Just reason so to do, from your Care & Clemency to other new Settlemen^{ts}; and Considering the present dangerous situation of Affairs, we have been useing some means for our Safety & Defence against the Heathen, in raising one Considerable Garrison, in the South part of the Town, of pretty Large Dimensions, with Square Logs, Twelve Inches thick, as the bearer can more fully Informe. And we design to raise another more Large & nearer the Center Contiguous to our Meeting house, where it will best suite, that will accomodate the most of the Inhabitants: but this we fier to undertake of our Selves upon the accomp^{t} of the great Expence it will amount to, we having laid out we may Say, all our Substance in Improving our Land for bread, corn & Hay, to this purpose we have both Dedicated our time & money. So that we Stand in need of help to build & Erect this Intended ffort as well as assistance to Defend it when thus built, and both with yor Excellency & Hon^{rs} Concurrence & assistance: ffor if we Should break up that are Barriers to the Towns below us, that is Dunstable & Townend, they should be as much Expos'd as we now are, so that it would be their safety as well as our own if we be Encourag'd to continue.

May it therefore Please Yo^{r} Excellency & Hon^{rs} to Consider the Premises, & think what a ruining thing it would be to yor Petitioners if our time strength & substance should be lost, & this valueable Settlem^{t} breake up; that has been bless'd with Such Success, as non Such for the time, the Loss would not

be made up in Some years, if ever in our time. The prevention of which we Esteem, is in Yo^{r} Excellency & Hon^{rs} power; not that we would presume to Direct, not being skill'd in Publick affairs, the good Governmen^{t} that Providence hath Bless'd us with, you being our Patrons; But our present necessity & future fears obliges us to Supplicate for help from you, in whose power it is to Commiserate such as we fier to be, not that we are under any Slavish fier, for if we obtain our necessitous Demands, your Countenance & aid, we resolve to Continue here & by the Divine assistance acquit our Selves in the cause of our lives & Interest like men while life is granted: now not only Confiding, but Depending on yor Excellency & Hon^{rs} Compliance to our necessitous request, Yo^{r} Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray.

Harvey	John Davison	John Taggart
Hugh Willson	William Smith	James mitchell
Thomas Morison	William mCay	Samuel Stinson
Jonath^{n} Morison	John Graham	James Stinson
John Swan	John Stuard	Hugh gregg
John Swan Ju^{r}	Charles mCay	Thomas Bogle
william wallas	David wallas	Joseph Bogle
Jeremah Swan	Willm mitchell	John Farguson
John Smith	Isaac mitchell	William Richey
Samuel Wallas	Willm Nay	Gustavus Swan
Thomas Davison	Joseph Caldwell	

[8–212] [*Petition of John Sullivan relative to Rev. John Morrison: addressed to the Governor and Council.*]

Humbly Shews That at the present Session of the General Court a Petition was Drawn up by your memorialist at the request of Said Inhabitants and afterward Signed by a majority of them, Setting forth that m^{r} John Morison was Some years Since ordained to the work of the Ministry in Said Town & that Since his ordination he had been guilty various Times of profane Swearing Drunkenness & other Lew^{d} wicked & Disorderly practices Quite unbecoming the Christian & Especially the ministerial Character & praying that they might be Set at Liberty to ordain & Support another minister & be Exempted from paying Towards the Support & maintainance of a minister whose Life & conversation was a Scandal to the profession —which petition being preferred a hearing was granted by the Honourable House of Representatives for trying and Determining the Same on the third Day of the Sitting of the General Court after the fifteenth Day of January next & being Sent up

to the Honourable Board for Concurrence was Dismissed upon a Supposition (as your memorialist was Informed) That it was a matter more proper for the Spiritual Courts—But your memorialist Humbly apprehends that if the fact had been more fully Stated & understood your Excellency & Honours would have thought Quite Differently of the matter: for the aforesaid Inhabitants did at first prefer a Petition to a Certain Presbitery for Removing the said Morrison & a Committee from the Presbitery was appointed for hearing the matter who after the hearing Restored him to his former Standing after a Suspension of Ten Sabbaths by way of penance for the following Crimes which they Acknowledged they found him guilty of as appears by a Copy of their proceedings herewith exhibited—viz firstly Intemperance at Col° Hollands, 2dly Intemperance at the House of John Taggart. 3dly profane Swearing in all of which the Committee were unanimous that he was guilty. 4thly profane Swearing proved by one witness. 5thly Immodest Deportment at John Taggarts Evident by his own Confession. 6thly Immodest behaviour to Elizabeth Miller proved by one Witness. 7thly Immodest & obscene Discourse proved by one Witness. 8thly Immodest Conversation & Deportment proved to the Satisfaction of the whole Committee: Now your Memorialist humbly apprehends that Either of those Charges which the Committee Acknowledged were fully proved would alone have been Sufficient Cause for Deprivation by the Canon Law as appears by woods Institute 41. 3^{d} Institute 204. 2^{d} Roll: Abridgement 222. 6th Report 14: 11th Report 49 & 98 Hobarts Reports 243 & many other Authorities in point but this Committee Notwithstanding the Law was So Express Restored him to his former Standing and the Inhabitants can have no Redress but from the Legislative Authority of the Government whose province alone it is to Redress So Intollerable a Grievance & no other power Either Civil or Ecclesiastical in this Government can Dissolve the Contract between a Minister & his people—And Surely your Excellency and Honours must be Sensible That Though a Presbitery may Restore a Minister To his Standing yet they can by no means Reconcile the minds of a people to a profane Drunken & Debauched Minister nor Can they look upon themselves as Injoying their Religious Liberties while they are Compellable To Support Such a person in the Ministry nor while they are oblidged to Rest Easy with the Judgment & Determination of a Spiritual Committee whose Judgment was Directly against the first principles of that Law by which they pretended to Act. wherefore Inasmuch as the Said Inhabitants are thus aggrieved & having no remedy but from the General Court your memorialist in behalf of Said Petitioners Humbly prays that a hearing may be granted on the

former Petitions & then your Excellency & Honours will undoubtedly be Convinced that the Said Petitioners have been greatly aggrieved as well at the Determination of the Said Committee as at the Conduct of the Said Morrison which is the only Reason of their Troubling your Excellency & Honours with this matter. from which grievance if your Excellency & Honours in your great Clemency & goodness will please to grant them relief by Reconsidering that vote for Dismissing the former Petition, & granting them a Day for hearing thereon the Said Petitioners will Ever Pray

December 19th 1771

Jn° Sullivan in behalf of & attorney to Said Petitioners

[Mr. Morrison relinquished his connection with the society in March, 1772.—Ed.]

[8-214]

Extracts from the Minutes of the Revd Presby^y^ of Boston met at Petersburgh June 18th 1771

Committee Members present

Ministers Messrs David M^c^Gregore John Huston J Williams

Elders Messrs Saml Fisher—D Moor—Saml Morrison

Thursd^y^ June 20th Met according to adjournment

Memb^rs^ as above—opened with Prayer

The Committee proceeded respecting the Articles of Charge & after a solemn & serious Examination of the Evidences do give their Judgment as followeth

1 Charge Intemperance—At Stephen Hollands Esqr Unanimously agreed that Mr Morrison is found guilty of this charge

2 Charge Intemperance at John Taggarts of Petersburgh unanimously agreed though this Article is not so highly aggravated as the first charge yet the committee find him guilty of Intemperance

3^d^ Charge Profane swearing the committee are unanimously agreed that this charge is also sufficiently proved

4 Charge Profane swearing In this Charge a Single evidence appeard and for the Reasons offered the committee saw fit to indulge the evidence not to swear

5 Charge Buying a poor mans vote Tho there was some inexpediency yet nothing unlawful and consequently nothing censurable

6th Charge Immodest conversation and Deportment

1st Article respecting Agnes Mitchel not proved

2 Instance of immodest Deportment at John Taggarts July 1770 evident by his own confession

3d Article of Immodest Behaviour in respect of Elisabeth Miller her testimony being Singie It is the Judgement of the Committee the two last instances would amount to a full proof of the Charge but as they are Supported only by one witness the Evidence come short of Judicial proof

4th Upon the fourth Article of Charge the two Evidences to witt Stone & Wilson being sworn declared nothing that amounted to the shadow of a proof—

5—That supposing Mr Morrison told the story as the Evidence upon oath declared the Committee are Unanimous that considering Circumstances it was unbecoming ministerial gravity but as it is supported only by one Evidence not sufficiently proved—

6—Upon this Article from the Character of William Gilchrest as well as from his Evidence being wholly unsupported by any corroborating Circumstances the Committee are Unanimous that they can give very little Weight to his Testimony—

7—Upon the seventh Article the Committee thought proper to sett aside the only Evidence that was produced

8—Upon the eighth Article the Committee are Unanimous that the evidences viz John Mitchel and his Wife being sworn declared nothing to support the Charge—

9—Unanimously agreed that this Article if made evident is an instance of immodesty but is not juridically proved—

10th Article supported by no Evidence

11th Article supported by no evidence—

12th Article supported by no evidence

13 & 14th Articles supported by no Evidence—John Dicks not appearing—

15th Article respecting immodest Conversation & Deportment the Committee unanimously find him guilty—

7th Charge Baptizing a Child contrary to our Constitution—With regard to Baptising the Child this Committee think that there is nothing to support the sd Charge—

Upon the Whole it is the Committees Judgment that in a Number of Articles tho not supported by such Proof as the Gospel requires yet some of them are attended with such Circumstances as render the facts very suspicious—they would therefore in the bowels of Christ earnestly intreat the Revd Mr Morrison by every consideration that is weighty with impartial strictness to animadvert on his Conduct not only in the instances that have been juridically proved but also in those suspected instances &, as far as he is conscious of Guilt, to endeavour to humble himself in the dust before a Heart searching & holy

God & to fly speedily to the Blood & righteousness of Jesus Christ for pardon & cleansing—

And with respect to the agrieved the Committee would be free to advise them with like earnestness as it is a very critical Time in Peterburgh to take heed to their spirits & while they are justly offended at their Ministers Crimes to beware of a spirit of Bitterness or personal hatred

The Presbytery further unanimously Voted on a Complex View of the whole case that Mr Morrison be suspended for Ten sabbaths from his Ministerial Work or from all acts of Office that He appear at the end of the sd Ten sabbaths before the Presby The time & place of the meeting of which is to be duly notify'd to Him and likewise to the People that both He & the People by Commissioners it is expected shall appear before sd session of Presby who will then proceed with Mr Morrison reproving him or otherwise as matters shall then appear to them— Further that this committee shall use their best endeavours with the next session of this Presby to meet at Oakham the Week after next that the Pulpit of Petersburgh be supplied as much as they possibly can during the time of this suspension without any additional Charge to the sd People—

Simon Williams Presby Clerk—

a true Copy

[8–213] [*Action of Presbytery, August, 1771.*]

Voted—that Mr Morrison be restored to full standing with this Presby

Voted—that Mr Morrison be restored to the exercise of his Ministry in Petersburgh

Voted unanimously—that the Revd Mr McGregore be appointed to write a Letter to the People of Petersburgh suited to their Particular Circumstances & in particular recommending to them a punctual Attendance on the stated Administration in their own Parish

S Williams Presby Clerk

dated August 29th 1771

a true Copy

[8–215 is another long document by John Sullivan, relative to the matter, dated December 30, 1771.—Ed.]

[8-216] [*Petition of William Scott relative to Bounties: addressed to the General Assembly, 1777.*]

Humbly Sheweth.—

That whereas your Petitioner is appointed by his Excellency General Washington to raise a Company in a Reg[t] of Rangers, of which Col[l] Guest of Virginia is Commander and your Petitioner not being allowed by Orders to give more than the Continental Bounty, when other Soldiers in this State are intitled to Twenty pounds over and above that which greatly retards the Progress of Inlisting.

Therefore your Petitioner humbly beggs your Honors to take this Matter under Consideration and give me an equal Chance with other Officers in the State by granting the Same Bounty to Rangers, as given to the Soldiers inlisting in the Service of this State: and your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall ever pray.

Will[m] Scott

Peterborough March 8th 1777

[8-219] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers, 1779.*]

To The Hon[blc] Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire

May it Please Your Hon[rs]—

Whereas by Resolution of Congress Dated the 15th of March AD 1779. Ordering returnes to be made of all Officers & Soldiers inlisted into the 16 Additional Battalions, and whereas this Town hath in the Service of the United States, (and inlisted for three Years and During the Warr) Twenty four Men And Upwards which is Ten More than Our Proportion of the 88 Battalions, Therefore we begg to be Credited for those Men and Considered in future, so that we may Not At Present be Obliged to make up the Proportion of Other Towns who are delinquent—

We are & Shall be Ever ready to furnish our Proportions & Make Such Allowances to the Men returned for this Town as Shall be Ordered Or Thought Equitable—

Permit us to Recommend The Bearer Cap[t] William Scott to Your Favours, and are Gen[l] Most Respectfully Your most H[l] Serv[t]

David Steel Cap[t]
in Behalf of Malitia Off[s]
Sam[l] Cunningham
in Behalf of Select Men

Peterborough July 23[d] 1779—

[R. 3–111] [*Relative to Major Robert Wilson.*]

To the Honble Council & Assembly sitting at Exeter for the State of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen as Major R. Willson was by your authority Called upon to Join the Militia at Still Water under the Command of Genl Whipple & not attending according to order these may certify to y^r^ Honors that his family was much indisposed at that time

William Smith J. P.

Peterborough Feb^ry^ 10th 1778

[In R. 3–110 Robert Willson stated that he went as soon as he could leave his family, joined the army, and was with it at the time of the "Conquest of General Burgoine and his army."—Ed.]

[R. 3–112] [*Daniel Russell's Statement.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Great and Honourable Counsel and House of Representatives of s^d^ State Convened at Portsmouth

The petition of Daniel Russell Humbly sheweth that your Petitioner was Disabled in the Service of the united states to earn his support and for his Releaf was enrol'd for Half pay By the Honorable Court Last June which pay Does not support him as there has been no act for making up Depreciation to a pentioner. * * *

Peterborough october the 9th 1780

Daniel Russell

[Daniel Russell was on the invalid pension-roll in 1788 and 1789.—Ed.]

[R. 3–113] [*Relative to John Halfpenny.*]

Peterborough 17th February 1783.

This may Certifie to all to whome it may consern that John Halfpenny hath not Received any Bounty from the town of Peterborough since the Contest Began Between Grate Brittan and America

asserted by William Smith } Select
Samuel Gregg } men

[R. 3–114] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

to the Honble John Taylor Gilman Esqr Treasurer

Sir please to pay to Lt Mathew Walis the whole of the wages due to me for serving six months in the Melitia of the state of New hampshire and all other money that is my due and this shall be your discharge from me

Peterb^o^ October the 29 1784

Amos Spafford

[Other orders to pay wages to Matthew Wallace were as follows:

William Darrah, Oct. 9, 1784, Col. Cilley's Reg't.
Randal McAllaster, Oct. 7, 1784, Col. Jackson's Reg't.
James Taggart, Dec. 13, 1784, " "
John Swan, Jan. 22, 1785, " "
Serg't Samuel Mitchell, Jan. 13, 1785, Col. Jackson's Reg't, ordered his to be paid to Josiah Munroe.—ED.]

[R. 3–119] [*Petition of John Young, Soldier, 1785.*]

To the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of John Young of Peterborough

Shews That your Petitioner Serv^d^ a Campaign at Rhodeiland in the Regm^t^ Commanded by Lieu^t^ Col^o^ Peabody as Surgeon in the year 1778 and your Petitioner being informed the Genl assembly have made allowance to officers in that Regiment of Depreciation and Interest of their pay he therefore Prays that An allowance may be made to him for the same according to the Capacity in which he serv^d^

Dated at Peterborough Augt 20th 1785

John Young

[8–220] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough ss

In Obediance to a precept directed to us the Subscribers Selectmen for the town of Peterborough for A D 1783 Directing us to make a return to the generl Assembly at their next Session the N^o^ Polls of 21 years and upwards paying poll taxes by themselves viz male polls in the town aforesaid do make return

of 133 as aforesaid as witness our hands Peterborough December 9th day Anno Domini 1783

John Young
Thomas Stewart } Selectmen

[Sworn to before William Smith, Justice of the Peace.—Ed.]

[8–221] [*Relative to John Morrison, etc., 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire.

Peterborough May 14th, 1783.

To the Honble General Court of New Hampshire, to be holden at Concord, the tenth Day of June 1783.

We the Subscribers petition your Honours, that you would grant John Mitchel Esqr of Charlestown South Carolina, and Mr Isaac Mitchel of the aforesaid Peterborough, a fair and Judicious Trial, in an old Action, that has long precided between them and John Morrison, who was formerly a Minister in said Peterborough, and who by the latest Account we had of him, was a Captain of the British Forage at South Carolina, And We your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Kalso Gray	Benja Mitchel	William Swan
Andrew Baley	Thomas Turner	Saml Mitchel
John Swan	Robert Morrison	Isaiah Taylor
William Houston	Adams Grag	Abel Parker
Samuel Gordon	William McNee	Robert Gray
Samuel Houston	William Robbe	John Morrison
Matthew Gray	Nathaniel Whitte-	Robert Smith junr
David Steel	more	Thomas Smith
Jno Gray	William Robbe junr	Thomas Davinson
John Morrison	Jno White	John Taggart
Matthew Templeton	James Cunningham	Wm McNee junr
Samuel Treadwell	John White	James Miller
Thomas MrClurg	Wm White	Robt Holms
Charles White	Robert Willson	
James Taggart	Samuel Miller	

[8–222] [*Petition of the Selectmen relative to John Morrison, Deserter: addressed to the General Court, 1783.*]

We the subscribers Petition your Honours would take Notice of John morrison Who was formerly a minister in the Town of Peterborough in this State Who in the year 1775 Enlisted in

the American Service as a Common Soldier And Deserted from there to the British army Where we was Enform[d] that he Did us much harm, and he was Returnd Only as an absentee and not as an Enemy and we Your Humble Petitioners Begs that Your honours Would Consider him as an Enemy and have him Return[d] Acording to Law and that his Estate may Be converted to the Same Use as the Rest of our Enemies have Been

And We your Petitioners Begs that Your Honours Would Grant A fair and Judicious trial Between John Mitchel Esq of Charleston South Carolina and Mr Isaac Mitchel of Peterborough in this State in an old action that has Long Persided Between them and the aforesaid John Morrison Who By the acount we have of him is now in the British Service and in So Doing your Petitioners Shall as in Duty Bound Ever Pray—

Dated at Peterborough in the State of New hampshire May the 14th 1783

Alexander Robbe
Th[o] Steuart
} Selectmen

[8–223] [*Petition of the Selectmen relative to setting off the east part of the Town: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly sheweth,

that some time since they have been serv'd with a Coppy of a Petition Signed by some of the Inhabitants of Lyndborough praying that a Piece of land about one Mile wide may be taken off the east side of said Peterborough & annexed to some land in Lyndborough & be made a Parish as in Said Petition is Set forth against which your Petitioners begs leave to remonstrate & Shew that such a diminution of Peterborough will greatly injure it. As the Town is only Six Miles square & a large Meeting House built near the Center of the Town to accommodate the Inhabitants as well the East side as the West & to take off such a Valuable piece as the Petition pray'd will not fail to destroy our Center & Create much discontent & uneasiness with the inhabitants in the West part of the Town Who will think it hard to pay & travel in such an unequal manner as the must should this Petition take place. Our Member in the Gen[l] Court will prefer this our request who will be able further to show to your Hon[rs] that the prayer of the said Petition is unreasonable & will be very injurious if the same should be granted And we think cannot Serve them For they must a long time be a Small Parish & altho they may hold up that it is that they may have the Gospel Preached among them it must appear that their real

desire is to pay no Ministereal Rates at all however they may pretend otherwise. We rely on your Honors Justice and rest assured that no alteration will be made in Consequence of said petition And we as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Peterborough 14th Octobr 1784—

Jnº young
Charles Stuart } Selectmen
Thos Steuart

[See Lyndeborough papers, Vol. XII.—Ed.]

[8–226] [*Relative to setting off the east part of the Town.*]

at a meeting held at Petersborrough on the 20th of Septr 1784 then Voted—to oppose the Petition lately prefer'd to the Generall assembly of this State by a Number of Inhabtants in Lyndborro Praying for a Part of Petersbh to be taken off and Added to a part of Lyndborrough to make a Parrish as in the Sd Petition is mentioned—and that the Selectn of Said Town remonstrate against the Said Petition and that Mr Mathew Wallace Prefer the Same and use his Interest that the Prayer of Said Petition may not be Granted—

a True Coppy of the Vote

Attt Saml Cunningham
Clerk

[8–227] [*Petition relative to setting off the east part of the Town: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Sheweth that a Number of the inhabitants of Lyndborough and Lyndborough Strip (So called) petitioned your Excellency and Honrs that they with a part of Peterborough and Society land might be Sett off as a Parish in Consequence of Said petition your Excellency and honrs was pleased to appoint a Committee to view the Situation of the Several towns and the tracts of land with the inhabitants thereof So petitioned for that your Excellency and honrs upon their report might be able to Judge as to the Justice of Said petition &c according to Said appointment Said Committee went upon the premises as we your petitioners have Since heard but without giveing us your petitioners any previous notice Neither had we any from Said Committee nor from those persons which requested Said Committee which we are able to verify therefore we your petitioners by order and in behalf of the Town of Peterborough pray your Excellency and honrs that no part of Peterborough

may be Sett off as a meeting house at great Expence is built near the Center of Said town which at present is Compact and uniform and any part thereof being Cutt off will render it entirely otherwise and will greatly discommode the peace of Said town, and Settlement your Compliance will greatly oblige your Petitioners and they as in duty bound will ever Pray

Peterborough January 21th 1785

Alexander Robbe
Charles Stuart
John Young
thom^{s} Stuart
} Selectmen

[See Lyndeborough papers, Vol. XII.—Ed.]

[8–224] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Resident Lands: addressed to the Council and House of Representatives.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petetioners Labour under great Difficulty in the Support of the Present warr, and Other Town Charges—That said Charges are very Heavy many Roads and Large Proportion of Bridges to Build & Maintain on the most publick roads in said Town, That a very Large proportion of their Able Body'd men have Inlisted, and Volentary gone into the Service for the Defence of American Liberty, That your Petetioners Labour under great Difficulty in geting Labourers being Extreem Scarce to be got besides the Extraordinary Wages, which many of your Petetioners are Obliged to pay That the Clearing & Cultivating their new Lands is much Retarded by reason of the Heavy part of the Publeck Charge that they are Obliged to Bear For Their Mutual easement Your Petetioners Humbly pray Your Honours that the None Resedented Lands in said Town of Peterb^{o} may be Taxed (for a Longer or Shorter Term as your Honnours may think best) that the Owners of Said Lands may bear a part of the Publick Expence (in Defending them from the Usurpation of Great Brittain) as said Lands Lye Unimproved, & not in any Manner Cultivated & the Proprietors Holding Said Lands at so High a price that it Discourages Adventures from purchasing & Settling them which we Apprehend to be Unjust, Therefore your petioners pray your Honours to Cause the Select Men of Said Town to be Vested with & have full power & Lawfull Authority to Assess & Rate the Owners of Said None Resedented Lands and Cause the Said Lands to be Subject to the payment of the Tax that your Honours may think Equitable & Just—And whereas the Late Incorporation

of Said Town of Peterborough By His Late Excell^{cy} Benning Wentworth Esqr Did Cause your petetioners to Hold their annual Meeting on the first Tuesday of January and your petetioners Think the Holding of Said Annual Meeting is to great Disadvantage to your Petet^{rs} Therefore Your Petetioners pray your Honours to Alter the Time for Holding Said Annual Meet^{g} to some day in the Month of March as your Honours Shall think best—And Your Petetioners as in Duty Bound will Ever Pray

William miller	Jno Mitchel	William Robbe
James miller	David Ames	John Gragg Junr
Joseph Hammill	Willm Moor	James Cunningham
Neal Hammill	Sam^{ll} Hogg	Robert Willson
John Willson	william Scott	Alexander Robbe
Hugh Willson	Thomas Cunning-	Joth^{t} Blanchard
James Willson	ham	John Gregg
Samuel willson	William McNee	Sam^{ll} Gregg
John miller	Saml Mitchel	James Taggert
James Templeton	William Smith	Abraham Holms
Matthew Templeton	David Steel	John Young
Willam Spear	Saml Cunningham	

[8-229] [*Petition of the Selectmen relative to a School: addressed to the General Court, 1788.*]

Humbly sheweth.—

That the said Town of Peterborough have ever discovered an inclination to promote the education of youth and for this purpose have every year raised a large sum of money which has been always appropriated for that purpose—That these Schools have generally been kept by persons well qualified for the instruction of youth & frequently by persons of a liberal education

But that it has been thought most convenient in times past that three or four schools should be kept during certain Seasons of the year and of course there have been times when no School has been kept—That in Sepr 1787 a Bill was found against your petitioners for one months neglect of keeping such a Grammar School as the laws now in force require—your petitioners upon Shewing all the Circumstances at the Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Hillsborough humbly hoped that the fine of ten pounds for such offences might be dispensed with and that the prosecution might be discontinued with your petitioners paying Costs—And the said Justices have continued the said Indictment for consideration

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honours would be pleased to order that the said Indictment be no fur-

ther prosecuted if no Judg[t] is yet rendered thereon and if rendered that the said fine may be remitted—

Jeremiah Smith in behalf of the
Select men of Peterborough

[The prayer of the petition was granted June 13, 1788.—Ed.]

[8-230] [*Petition of Sarson Belcher, of Boston, relative to some lots of Land: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly shews Sarson Belcher of Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire that in June 1738 a Grant of the township of Peterborough in said State was made to certain persons by name by the then General Court of Massachusetts And that the proprietors of Mason's patent in 1748 released to said Grantees their right to said Township So that the said Grantees acquired as they supposed a complete title to said Township—that the said Grantees or proprietors of said Township purchased a Book for recording their proceedings, in which the same were from time to time entered And likewise the Copies of the proceedings of the General Court of Massachusetts relative to the first granting said Township—most of which are attested by the proper Officers tho' the same at this period of time is difficult to be proved by reason of the Records of Massachusetts from the year 1737 to the year 1746 being consumed by fire whereby Authenticated Copies cannot be obtained And the Copy of the Order for calling the first Proprietor's meeting is not attested by any Person & the Warrants or Notifications are not upon record—that your Petitioner by Purchase from the said Grantees has a good title to two lots in said Township namely Lots Number 40 & 102 but by reason of the foregoing defects in the said Proprietor's Book your Petitioner cannot trace or establish his title thereto with that Precision which the Law requires in Case of disputes And no remedy can be had but from the Legislature of New Hampshire—

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honours that you would establish by law the proceedings & records of said Proprietors in their Book recorded so far as they respect lots Number forty & One hundred & two in said Township And that the said Book notwithstanding any defects therein may be legal & sufficient evidence in Case of any dispute relative to the said lots—

And as in duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray—

Jeremiah Smith Atty to the said
Sarson Belcher

Charlestown Sep[t] 27th 1787

[In H. of Rep., Sept. 27, 1787, the matter came up, and was postponed to the next session.—Ed.]

[8–231] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Peterborough to be set off: addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives, 1790.*]

Humbly sheweth, that your petitioners are at such a great Distance from the Meeting house in said Peterborough and great part of the road very Rough; that they cannot attend the public worship without very great inconveniency and difficulty—and provided Your honnours shall see fit to grant the prayer of a Number of the Inhabitants of Lyndeborough, the Inhabitants of Lyndeborough Gore, and a part of the Inhabitants of the Society—(whose prayer is now before your Honours for an incorporation into a Town) we think if we might be annexed with them we should be much better accommodated, without any considerable damage to the Town of Peterborough—wherefore we pray Your Honours that we may be incorporated with the above mentioned Petitioners agreable to the boundaries set forth in the petition of the Inhabitants of the west part of Lyndebo^{h} and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray

Peterborough May 26th 1790

Jon^{a} Ballard
Isaac Foster
Nehemiah Holt
Charls Cowal

The following live within the limits Petitioned for, but have not signed on either side.

Nathl Batcheldor	Phineas Lund	Hugh McAdams
Simon Law	Ezra Dutton	Benjamin Burrows
William Holt Junr	William Thompson	Thomas Pringel
Noah Lawrance	John Thompson	
Widow Balch	William McAdams	

[See Lyndeborough papers, Vol. XII, p. 528.—Ed.]

PIERMONT.

The township was granted, Nov. 6, 1764, to the Hon. John Temple and others, in sixty-three shares. Of the

grantees twelve bore the title of "Honorable," nine had military titles, and twenty-eight that of "Esquire."

Settlements were made, about the year 1768, by Daniel Tyler, Levi Root, and Ebenezer White. (See "Historical Sketches," by Rev. Grant Powers.) David Tyler, with his wife and son Jonathan, moved there from Lebanon, Conn., the same year, and settled.

By the return of the selectmen in 1775 it appears that the population numbered 168, of whom fifteen were in the army. For settlement of the town boundaries, see Vol. XI, p. 730.

By an act passed Jan. 15, 1787, Thomas Clark, Daniel Clark, Jonathan Herbert, and Asa Boynton, with their estates, were severed from Piermont and annexed to Wentworth. The same territory was severed from Wentworth and annexed to Piermont, July 1, 1819.

[9-1]

These notify the Proprietors or Grantees of the Township of Piermont in the Province that ye Day appointed by the Charter for the first meeting of the Proprietors is on the 24th Day of this Instant Janry and the Place appointed there for is the Court House in Portsmo at three o Clock in the Afternoon When & where it is proposed to Choose all Proper officers for Said Township & to agree upon & Vote a method for Laying out the Sd Land in Lotts &ca & to Vote Some method for raising money therefor & to do any other thing authorized by Charter to be done for the Benefit of Sd Propriety—

In Pursuance of the authority in the Said Charter Granted—

Portsmo Jany 18th 1765—

[See Vol. VII, p. 56.—Ed.]

[9-2] [*Committee appointed to obtain Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

To Capt Jonathan Chandler one of the Selectmen of ye town of Piermont In Grafton County In the Colony of Newhampshire, Whereas You are this Day Chosen and Appointed an Agent to wait upon the General Assembly of this Colony Now Sitting at Exeter in Sd Colony, in order to lay Before the Assembly the Distressed State of Sd Town in regard to ye Advice received yesterday from Canada, viz that ye Continental forces were Drove from their posts By the Kings troops, as far as to

St Johns, and Supposed that our forces would not be Able to Maintain that place many Days, and upon that place Being Evacuated by our forces, We must Very Soon Expect to feel the fatal Consequence of ye Incursion of our Northern Enemies with ye Kings troops, and as our Circumstances on Account of Arms & Ammunition render us unable for to make any Defence against them; these are therefore to Direct and order You to Supplicate the Assembly to Interpose in our Behalf in this time of Danger and Distress, In Affording to us a Competency of fire arms and Ammunition Equal to our present Need, as at present we are unable to raise Money In any measure proportionable to ye Expence, Shewing the Assembly the Importance of Maintaining this part of ye Country from falling into the hands of the Enemy, as it is an open Door into the whole Country and of Necessity is a matter of ye last Consequence to ye Adjacent Colonies, You will also Inform the Honble Assembly that Whatever of ye Arms is retained by any person Shall be paid for, and also what of ye Ammunition is retain^{d} Besides what is made use of in our Defence Shall be Accounted for by S^{d} Town; You will also Shew the Assembly the absolute need of A Considerable force Being Sent into these parts to Withstand the force of ye Enemy if our forces are Obliged to resign ye Fort at St Johns into the Enemys hands; You are also hereby Impowered by us the Subscribers to Give Such Security as Shall be required of You for Such arms and Ammunition in Behalf of ye town of Piermont, holding for firm what by You Shall be So done in the above written Affair.

As by order of us

Dated Piermont
June 26th A: D: 1776—

John Patterson } Select men
John Weed } for the town
Joseph Webb } of Piermont

[The town was granted thirty pounds of powder, July 2, 1776.—Ed.]

[9-6] [*Petition for Abatement of Taxes, 1783.*]

To the Honble General Assembly of ye State of Newhampshire the Petition of ye Subscribers Select men of the Town of Piermont in Grafton County Humbly sheweth that although there hath heretofore Subsisted some Disputes and Difficulties betwixt the State & s^{d} Town with respect to Jurisdiction as has been the Case of many Towns in these Parts on the Newhampshire Grants; whereby our affairs are greatly perplexed and imbarressed; and many have been the Demands of the

State on s^d^ Town for Arrearages of Rates for Years back; and neglect of furnishing our Quota of men for ye Continental Army &c to which the Town, perhaps have not paid that attention which they ought to have done; and being now sensible of having our affairs settled; we would represent to your Hon^rs^ that besides our inability (there being not moveable Estate in s^d^ Town sufficient to satisfy ye present Demands &c) we have Reason to Suppose that we are wrongfully assessed; and that we have to pay a much larger Tax than many other Towns, in proportion as their List exceeds ours as might easily be made to appear as likewise that we have not been Creddited for what monies have been paid by s^d^ Town into ye Treasury, or for our Quota of Men and ye expences we have been at, during the late Contest; which if allowed; as we think in justice it ought to be we should not be so much in Arearages as is now supposed; we have therefore sent as exact an Acc^t^ of the several Lists of s^d^ Town from ye Year 1779 as we Could get to ye present and likewise an acc^t^ of ye Several Expenditures, In the Defence of the Frontiers In ye late Contest; in order to be accepted, praying, that ye matter might be taken into your Consideration; and make such abatements, and grant such Relief as in your Wisdom you shall think Just and Right; with which we perswade ourselves, ye people will cheafully Submit; and your Petitioners; as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Piermont Novr 1783

Jonathan Chandler
Hez^h^ Foord } Select Men
Samuel Root

[*Inventory of Polls and Estates, 1780 & 1781.*]

An Inventory of ye Polls & ratable estate of ye Town of Piermont for years 1780 & 1781.

	1780	1781
No. of Polls	40	50
No. acres Tillage Land	212	200
No. acres Mowing Land	218	210
No. acres Pasture Land	147	150
No. of Horses & Mares 4 y^r^ old	17	20
No. of Oxen	39	33
No. of Cows	55	60
No. of 3 y^r^ olds	0	9
No. of 2 y^r^ olds	9	7
No. of 1 y^r^ olds	7	24
Sum of total value of buildings and unimproved land belonging to ye inhabitants	£343	£508

value of Non-residents Lands £2984 £2774
List £81.19.0

H. Foord
Jonathan Chandler } Select men
John Richards ye 2^d

[R. 3–120] [*Soldier's Order.*]

Piermont 10th February 1786.

Sir Please to pay Major Azariah Webb all the wages due to me as a soldier in Capt^t Websters Comp^y when keeping guards at Haverhill & Newbury, & his receipt shall be a full discharge from your humble ser^t

John T. Gilman Esq William Maxfield

£0.11.10

[R. 3–121]

[This document is Silvanus Sawyer's order, same date and amount.—Ed.]

[9–8] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers.*]

Humbly Sheweth the Inhabitants of the Town of Piermont by their Agent, that the s^d Inhabitants having satisfied and paid unto Two Several persons a bounty for their Services in the Continental Army being a part of their Quota of the Continental Army agreeable to the directions of the then Gener^l Court of this State, which through their inattention have never been return'd, Wherefore they pray your Honors to Grant them the favou., through your kind Indulgence, to have Credit for the said men, on the Extent Issued against the Select men of Said Town—And your petitioner as in duty Will Ever pray—

Azariah webb

Portsmouth February 10, 1786

[9–9] [*Report of Committee on foregoing.*]

The Committee to whom was refer'd the petition of Azariah Webb Esqr in behalf of the Town of Piermont beg leave to report as their opinion that said Town be Credited for three Continental Soldiers viz William Lurvey of Warners Reg^t David Ladd & Josiah Blodget both of Whitcombs Corps—the sum of Sixty pounds each with the interest thereof on Settlement of

the amount Charged against Said Town of Piermont for deficiency of Soldiers—and that the Treasurer take Order accordingly—

Feby 25th 1786.

Submitted p^{r} Nathl Peabody for the Committee—

[9–10] [*Sundry Persons to be annexed to Wentworth.*]

At a legal meeting held in the Town of Wentworth 28th of August AD 1786 Voted unanimously that Thomas Clark, Asa Boynton, Daniel Clark, and Jonathan Herbert, should have liberty of polling off from Piermont to this Town—

Joseph Cooper, John Akin, Benj^{a} Cotton } Select Men of Said Wentworth

[See introduction.—Ed.]

[9–11] [*Soldier's Certificate.*]

febuary 23 : 1786

this may Sartify that I have Recvd of the town of Piermont twenty Pounds as a hier to answer for a Soldier for said town during the war as I never Recvd any hier from any other town and that I Served During the war as by Return may appear

Josiah Blogget

[9–14] [*Petition for a Ferry, 1788.*]

To the Honorable the Senate ; and House of Representatives in General Court to be convened at Exeter on the 24th Day of Instant Decr the Petition of Parker Stevens—

Humbly shews that, the subscriber an Inhabitant of the Town of Piermont in the State of Newhampshire liveth in the Northerly Part of s^{d} Piermont near to Connecticut River, and within about two Hundred Rods South of the Place where the great Country Road comes into the River Road—and that there is frequently occasion of People's passing accross s^{d} River into the State of Vermont, when travelling into the western Country towards the Western part of Vermont as also ; from thence into this State ; and that there is a convenient place for keeping a Ferry over s^{d} River near where your Petitioner lives, and that

the Chife and great travelling Road, into s^d^ western Parts; is nearly opposite, on the other side of the river thereto; and that there is no Ferry established, where People may pass, without travelling several miles up or down s^d^ River, and returning back on ye other side; about as far; to get into s^d^ western Road, &c and that your Petitioner has been requested by many Persons to keep a Ferry; some where near to the Place afors^d^ and at a Town meeting on the 15th Day of instant Decr obtained a vote, of the Inhabitants, (without any opposition;) for keeping the same &c—

Wherefore your Petitioner prays your Honors, to make him a Grant of a Ferry across said River with the exclusive Privilege extending up s^d^ River; as far Haverhill Line; and down s^d^ River as far as to ye Ferry granted to Col: Azariah Webb of s^d^ Piermont, not infringing upon s^d^ Grant, in the whole; containing about ye Distance of two miles—

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Piermont Decr 18th 1788— Parker Stevens

Isaac Patterson
Jonathan Chandler } Select men
William Tarlton

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 20, 1789, the petition was granted. —Ed.]

[9–16] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Resident Lands, 1789.*]

The Select Men of Piermont—Humbly Shew, That the several public roads, leading thro' said Piermont are very lengthy, and have been exceedingly expensive to the Inhabitants not only on that account, but by reason of the peculiarly wet land thro' which they of necessity pass; to make and support which they have under many difficulties for years past, patiently struggled—that tho' they are cheerfully willing to do what belongs to them in this respect as members of society, yet they feel a reluctance to labor for the benefit of the nonresident owners of land without any compensation or assistance from them; Your petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honors that the said Inhabitants may be reliev'd by being allow'd a tax on the unimproved lands of the said nonresident owners in said Piermont of three pence per acre or one penny per acre for the term of three years for the purpose of making and repairing public highways and bridges in said Piermont to be assess'd and col-

lected in such way as in your wisdom may seem best—And your petitioners, as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Dated Decem^{r} 16, 1789—

Davenport Phelps } Selectmen of said
Hezekiah foord } Piermont

[The foregoing petition was granted to the extent of one penny per acre, Jan. 21, 1790.—Ed.]

[9-17] [*Petition for the Annexation of an Island to the Town, 1794.*]

To ye hon^{ble} Senate and house of Representatives of ye State of Newhampshire—

The Petition of ye subscribers, Select men for the Town of Piermont in ye County of Grafton Humbly Sheweth; that there is a certain Island in Connecticut River, lying contiguous to ye Town of s^{d} Piermont, betwixt s^{d} Town, and ye Town of Bradford, State of Vermont—and is Numbr^{d} 15 in the Range of Meadow lots, Drawn to ye Right of Wiseman Clagget, containing about Twelve Acres of good improved land And also a profitable Ferry, Across s^{d} River (now occupied by John McDuffie) within ye limits of said Town—

Which said Island, & Ferry, have never as yet been taken into ye List of Rateable Estate in s^{d} Piermont, &c—

Your Petitioners, therefore humbly pray y^{r} Hon^{rs} to pass an Act, that ye said Island and Ferry may be Annexed to ye Town of Piermont, afore^{d} so that they may be taken into ye Invoice of s^{d} Town, to be taxed according to ye usual method of Taxation, in this State, or in some other way grant relief, and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

Piermont May 28th 1794

Samuel Crook } Select
Joseph Foord } men

In H. of Rep., June 10, 1794, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

PITTSFIELD.

The township was taken from Chichester and incorporated by its present name, March 27, 1782. John Cram was au-

thorized to call the first meeting of the inhabitants to choose town officers, etc. (See Vol. XI, pp. 357 to 360.)

By an act approved July 3, 1841, school-district No. 6 in Epsom and a school-district in this town were united and incorporated into one district by the name of Republican School-District.

A fire-district was established July 1, 1870. The town lies on Suncook river, and owes its present prosperity largely to the use of that stream for manufacturing purposes.

[9-18] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Pittsfield December 29th Day 1783

Per Suant to us the Subscribers by a Presept from the general assembly of this State to make an Exact Return of all the male Pools of twenty one years old and upwards Paying a Pole tax for them Selves we have Cerfully taken the Exact number and finde in Said Pittsfield one Hundred and twenty Ratable Pols Paying a Pool tax—120

Jonathan Perkins } Select men
James Drake } for Pittsfield

Rockingham Ss Pittsfield the 24 Day of December 1783 then the above named Jonathan Pirkins and James Drake Personaly appearing and made Solom oath to the truth of the above acount by them Subscribed—

before me John Cram Justic Peace

[R. 3-122] [*Ebenezer Bean's Petition, 1791.*]

To the Honb'le the Senate and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court convened

Humbly Shews Ebenezer Bean of Pittsfield. That on the nineteenth of September 1777 he was unfortunately and grievously wounded in the foot while fighting in the cause of his Country—That your petitioner cannot perform the necessary labor for the gaining of a subsistence for himself and family by reason of his lameness which is more particularly distressing in the winter season when his exertions are the more necessary for his family's support. * * *

Ebenezer Bean

PLAINFIELD.

The township was granted, August 14, 1761, to Benjamin Hutchins and fifty-nine others, the most of whom were from Connecticut. The first proprietors' meeting was held in Plainfield, in that state, from which this town derived its name. Settlements were made in 1764, and the town had a population of 308 in 1775.

By an act passed June 23, 1780, the easterly portion of this town and the westerly portion of Grantham were united, and erected into a parish for parochial purposes, by the name of Meriden. (See Vol. XII, p. 59.) In 1856, July 12, the Grantham portion of this parish was annexed to Plainfield. Kimball Union Academy, incorporated June 16, 1813, and endowed with a permanent fund of $40,000 by Hon. Daniel Kimball, is located in what was the old Meriden parish, and is an educational institution of much value to the state.

[9-32] [*Inventory of 1773.*]

Province of Newhampshire Cheshire ss. plainfield april 21st Anno Dom 1773—

The Inventory of the Ratable Estate In the town of plainfield Taken and made out By us the Select men of Sd plainfield The Whole of the Ratable Estate In plainfield amounts to Seventy five pounds fourteen Shillings Including Sixty one polls Sum total £75 : 14*s*—

Ben Kimball	John Stevens
Benjamin Chapman	Amos Stafford

[Sworn to before Francis Smith, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[*Capt. Russell's Return: from Gen. Chase's Papers.*]

A Return of Capt Russels Company with the Name Annexed— Plainfield May 3rd 1777—

Cap Josiah Russel	Cor Benjn Cutler	Stutely Stafford
S^{art} Maj John Stevens	Cor Timothy Cory	Beni^{n} Gallop
Serg^{t} Dannel Kimball	Drum Benjn Chapman	Ziba Robberts
	fifer Saml Farefield	Robt Scott

Serg^{t} Ebenezer Jinne	James Wilson	
	Walter Blois	

the above Out from ye 3^{d} of may to 20th June in ye whole 48 Days Cald 45 do No. 14

Ensn Isaac Main	Nites Cutler	Jo^{n} Parker
Ser Thomas West	Oliver Addams	Job Cotton
Cor Silas Gates	Laben Hall	Elexandrew Petterew
Dannel Short	Saml Williams	

the above out from ye 3^{d} of May to 18th June 46 Days Calld 43 Days No. 11

Cor David Gitchel	Perla Robberts	William Wilson
Littlefield Nash	Duthan Kingsbury	Joseph Kimball
Jo^{n} Parker Jr		

the above in ye Service from ye 3^{d} of may to ye 13th of June 39 Days Calld 40 Days No. 7

Abel Stone Out untill ye 20 : of May 17 Days

Josiah Russel out from ye 3^{d} of May to ye 14th 11 Days

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[*Plainfield Men at Saratoga. Ibid p. 95.*]

Lieu^{t} Reuben Jerold Return of the men that march from Plainfield to Sallatogue in Col^{o} Chases Regiment In Sep^{t} 26 1777 with their names

Names	Days in Service	Names	Days in Service
Lieut Reuben Jerold	35	Isaac Williams	32
Serg^{t} Elias Gates	32	Wilard Smith	32
Serg^{t} William Cutler	32	Laban Hall	32
Corp^{l} Nathan Gates	16	Christopher Hall	32
Corp^{l} Nathaniel Stafford	32	Zadoc Bloss	32
Drumm^{r} Benjn Chapman	32	Rulaf Spalding	7
John Andres	32	Stutley Stafford	7
Timothy Vinson	32	Josiah Rushel	16
James Walker	32		

Return of Baggage Horses

Lieu^{t} Reuben Jerold	1 Horse	9 days	
Rulaf Spaulding	1 "	15 "	
William Cutler	1 "	15 "	
Hezekiah french	1 "	15 "	
Christopher Hall	1 "	15 "	
Job Cotton	1 "	15 "	
Capt Josiah Rushel himself and horse		6 days each	
Charles Spaulding	dito	2 " "	
Abel Stafford	dito	3 " "	

Reuben Jerold paid feridges for 21 men and 6 horses going out a /3 each 6*s* :9*d*
Returning home for feridges for 17 men 6 horses 5 : 9
Reuben Jerold paid for Rum dealt out to the above men 5 quarts and 1 pint £3 : 6 : 0

[Gen. Chase's Papers, p. 120.]

A Return of the Quota of Continental men Belonging To Plainfield in Co^{l} Jonth Chases Redgerment

	Regt. Enlisted in	Capt Enl. under	Date	Time Enl. for
Eiry Evans	Col Silly	Farewell	May 1777	3 years
Wilder Willard*	Dito	House	Dito	Dito
Negro Darock	"	"	"	"
Lemuel Dean	"	"	"	"
Ebenezer Ginne†	"		May 1778	"
Jonth How	"		"	"
Laban Hall	"		"	9 months
Walter Blois	"		"	"
Wills Kimball	Peabody		June	7 months
John awlsworth	"		"	"
Joseph Kingsbury	Bedel		May 1776	is now among the Engians or Regelors Prisoner

Josiah Russell Capt

[Ibid, p. 136] Capt Russels Return

A Return of the men of Plainfield in the Continental servis
Wilder Willard Darick a Negro Lemuel Dean in Capt Houses Comp
Eire Evens in Capt fairwell Comp
Jese Roberts Ziba Roberts Simeon Short Ephraim Dunlap Ebenezer Re in Connectticut Servis
Mr Hall—with maj^{r} waite
Asa Briggs—in the Bay State
Sept. 4, 1777.

[Ibid, p. 96]

Plainfield october ye 26th 1778

S^{r} these may Inform You that the people appeared to Be Inanimous in the choice of Daniel Kimball for an Ensign in Capt Josiah Russells company and suppose he ought to Be Commissioned

these from your Humble Ser^{t} Francis Smith Maj^{r}

To Col^{o} Jonathan Chase

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* Belonged in Hartford, enlisted for Plainfield.
† Belonged in New Grantham, enlisted for Plainfield.

[Ibid, p. 31] [*Petition from Inhabitants of Meriden:*]

To his Honour Jonathan Chase Esq Col° of ye 1st Regiment in the 3^d^ Briggade in the State of Vermont.

The Petition of ye Soldiery and Alarm Men of the Parish of Meriden humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners being allways ready to obey military orders we with ye more boldness address your Honour on ye following subject.

That your Petitioners being contiguously situated and desirous as much as in us lies to promote Military skill and dissipline are very desirous to form a Military Company in s^d^ Parish which when it is considered that Plainfield being very numerous having upward of one hundred men of the trained band N. Grantham very small not more than twenty-five and to make a Company in this Parish makes it respectable and leaves a large Company in Plainfield we hope that your Honour will grant us our desire and issue orders accordingly—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

Meriden April 30th 1781.

Charles Scott	Wilks Kimball	Abel Stevens
Wm Huntington	Ben^n^ Kimball	John Stevens
James Jenne	Ammi Wilson	Nathan Young
Eben^r^ Jenne	Squier Wilson	Daniel Kimball
Peter King	Elijah Gleason	Abel Stafford
Isaac Williams	Hodges Cutler	Isaac Jenne
Timothy Scott	Lathrop Shurtleff	Ben. Cory
Eben^r^ Brown	Nathan Parkhurst	Jonathan Parkhurst
Phillip Hopkins	Oliver Adams	Joseph Kimball
Simeon Adams	Parley Hughes	Samuel Bloss
Walter Bloss	Zadok Bloss	Thomas Gallup
Abraham Roberts	Perly Roberts	Ziba Roberts
Sample Gilkey	Jesse Roberts	John Andrews
Samuel Pool Jur	Simeon Pool	Eliphalet Adams
Caleb Cotton	John Packard	Lemuel Cotton
Thos Howard	Nathan Draper	Champion Spalding
Phillip Spaulding	Job Steven	David Shapley
Alexander runalds	Jabez Shapley	Benjamin Gorden
Asa Bates	Ephraim Kile	William Kile
John Kile	Isaac Rice	Nathl Stafford
Phillip Jorden	Rulaf Spalding	Joseph Spalding

[Ibid, p. 114] [*Meriden Company, 1781.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Parish of Meriden do Voluntarily form ourselves into a Company of Militia which

Company shall be called and known by the name of ye Meriden Company And we do pawn our words and Honours that we will freely and chearfully submit to such officers as ye Major part shall chuse

Meriden June ye 25th 1781

John Andres	Nathan Young	Thomas West
Stiles Muncel	Ziba Roberts	John Stevens Jur
Perley Roberts	Eben^r^ Jenne	Peter King
Thomas Gallop	Stephen Jinnings	Be^n^ Cory
Oliver Adams	James Jenne	Saml Pool Ju^r^
Eliphalet Miner	Elijah Gleason	Theophilus Howard
Be^n^ Bugbee	Job Stevens	Joseph Spalding
Elijah Johnson	Asa Bates	Abel Stafford
Simeon Pool	Simeon Short	Eliphalet Adams
Wi^ll^ Huntington	Zadock Bloss	Parley Hews
Isaac Williams	Hogges Cutler	Isaac Jenne
Walter Bloss	Rulaf Spalding	Philip Jorden
Sample Gilkey	Be^n^ Jorden	Saml Eglestone
Phillip Hopkins	Nathan Draper	Na^t^. Stafford
Ebe^r^ Clough	Ebe^n^ Burr	Champion Spalding
Daniel Kimball	Stephen Sq Pette-	Phillip Spalding
Abel Stevens	crew	Na^t^ Taylor
Lemuel Cotton	Saml Fairfield	Robert Scott
Nathan Parkhurst	Isaac Rice	Charles Scott
Jonathan Parkhurst	John Stevens 3^d^	Na^t^ Delano
Jesse Roberts	Wi^ll^ Kile	Peter Bugbee

[Ibid, p. 162]

Plainfield Feb^r^ 27th 1781.

We whose Names are under Riten Do Volantarily Inlist our Selves as Privit as Solders In Capt Nelsons Comp to Escort and gard on the Fruntteers Near Conne^t^ River and Ingage to obey our officers according to the Rule of war till the first Day of April Next if not sooner discharged as witness our hands

Ephraim Dunlap	James Kelsy	Daniel Kimball
Job Williams	Steward how	

[R. 3–123] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Plainfield, Sept. 1st 1784.

Sir Please to pay the bearer the whole of my wages for service in Capt Steven's Company at West Point in 1784

Phillips Warren

£7.16.4

To the Treasurer of New Hampshire

[R. 3–124]

State of New Hampshire Plainfield 24 April 1785

To Mr Josia Gilman Paymaster General for said state Sr. please to pay the Bearer hereof the wages due to me the subscriber for going into the service of sd state three months and a half to West Point in Capt Abel Stevens Company in Col. Nichols Regiment in the year 1780 and this order shall be your Receipt for the same from your Humble Ser't

£8.19. June 14 Eben Joy

[9–33] [*Sundry Inhabitants relative to Taxes: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Humbly shew,

Elisha Read, Andrew Tracy, Jonathan Stevens, Walter Weld, David Allen Jabez Balding John Osting William Chote, Darius Spalding Benjamin Jackson Daniel Earl, Benjamin Cole Daniel Cole Moses Weld Daniel Hovey, Benja Joy Junr Ebenezer Sabings Daniel Joy Jesse Heath Moses Brigham Philip Spalding, Chapling Spalding, Gardner Dusting John Dusting Walter Smith John Spalding Barzilla Spalding James Freeman Elisha Herick Rosil Minor Benjamin Joy Samuel Read Daniel Freeman, David Perry Abel Benit Ebenezer Cole David Steavens Abel Stone John Cole Daniel Robert Aaron Palmer, Nathan Andrus Rufus Wheeler Elias Bingham & Cary all of Plainfield & Cornish in the County of Cheshire and said State —That your Petitioners have all removed into said Towns of Plainfield & Cornish from other States in the Union since the year 1780 at which time many of them were under Twenty One years of Age—that your petitionrs have paid all their taxes in the several states whence they have removed up to the time of their Removal—That the Selectmen of sd Plainfield & Cornish have nevertheless assessed your Petitioners for all the Taxes of said Towns from the Commencement of the late War to the present year, thereby compelling them to pay over again Taxes for the years they had paid for before they came into this State and obliging Parents to Pay Taxes for their Children ever since they arrived to the Age of Ten years—That sd Selectmen have further endeavored to compell those of your Petitioners who have come of Age since they became Inhabitants of this State to pay Taxes from the year 1777 when many of them were no more than ten years old.—

Your Petitioners are ready chearfully to pay all their taxes from the time they became inhabitants of their respective Towns and humbly conceive the Conduct of said Selectmen to be flagrantly unjust & oppressive and opposed to every principle of

Equity. Wherefore they pray that your honors would be pleased to take their hard Treatment under your wise Consideration—that you would exempt them from paying Taxes towards the support of a Government, to which at the Time they ought to have been paid, they did not belong, and which can serve only to ease those who have refused to pay their Taxes in season; or that your honors would take such other Order concerning the Premises as in your wisdom shall seem meet, and your Petition[rs] as in Duty bound will every pray. &c

John Pickering for Petitioners

[9-35] [*Petition for a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

The petition of Joseph Kimball of Plainfield humbly Sheweth that Your Petitioner hath been at the Expence of keeping a ferry across Connecticut River in Plainfield for upwards of five Years at y[e] mouth of water quecher River which ferry hath been verey expensive to Your petitioner in providing boats to Serve the publick for which he hath Rec[d] Little or no benefit, and expecting that in some future time it may be some profit wherefore your petitioner humbly prayeth that your Honours may take his case into your wise Consideration and grant to your petitioner the Exclusive right of a ferry begining at Lebenon South Line extending three miles down said River, to him his heirs and assigns, and Your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Joseph Kimbal

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 10, 1786, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[9-36] [*Tax on Gov. Wentworth's Right.*]

Plainfield Dec[r] y[e] 10th 1786 This may certify that the State Tax against Bening Wentworths Right of Land in Plainfield for y[e] years 1777, 1778, 1779, and 1780 amounts to three pounds twelve Shilling and the county tax for y[e] above Years is three Shillings & Eight pence

Att Sam[ll] Fairfield Constable

Att David Perry, Charles Spalding } Selectmen For Plainfield

[9-38] *Petition for a Poll Parish, 1788: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Petition of the subscribers inhabitants of the Towns of Cornish and Plainfield, in the County of Cheshire in said State, Humbly sheweth that the great diversity of Sentiments, in matters of Religion, and the jaring opinions concerning the most suitable place for Buildings for Religious worship, renders it impossible ever to effect such union in either of said Towns, as to enable them happily to settle and maintain, the Gospel Ministry amongst them with that harmony which ought ever to reign in Religious Societies, without a Division of said Towns into Parishes—and whereas the inhabitants of Different Sentiments, are so intermixed in their sentiments that Parish lines would not effect the desired purposes, Your petitioners therefore pray the General Court, to grant to the subscribers, with such others as may hereafter be disposed to join with them, such privelidges and immunities of a Poll Parish as may enable them to erect and maintain in proper repair a place of Publick worship and to raise and apply Money for the Support of the Ministry among them, and with such other privileges as may be necessary for the well ordering of Parish affairs,—and as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Cornish November the 1st AD 1788.

Thomas Hall	John Whitten	James Fitch
Moody Hall	Willm Lewey	Samuel Fitch
Abel Johnson	Moses Chase	Joseph Kinyon Junr
Nathll Huggins	Nahum Chase	Simon Blanchard
Willm Ripley	Jonathan Read	Samuel Bartlet
James Ripley	Eliphalet Kimball	James Hunter
Thomas Lewey	Junr	Joshua Woodward
Jesse Johnson	Moses Barrows	Joel Hildreth
David Read	Moses Barrows Junr	Walter Foss
Elisha Read	Nathan Hains	Abel Stone
Samll Read	Daniel Cole	Samuel Mackres
Andrew Tracy	John Bartlet	Abel Stone Junr
John Spaulding	David Smith	John Cady
Lovil Kimball	Hezekiah Fitch	Levi Stone
Elisha Herrick	Nathan Whiting	Daniel Freeman
Reuben Jerald	Benjn Read	Chester Chapman
Josiah Stone	John Lucas	Joseph Smith
James Ladieu	Nathll Bartlet	Jabez Spicer

[In H. of Rep., Nov. 8, 1788, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[9-39] [*Rank of sundry Officers, 1788.*]

Elias Cady first Lieut April ye 27th 1785, Capt May ye 8th 1781 under Vermont

Jeremiah Spencer Capt April ye 27th 1785 in this State,

Capt May 8—1781 Vermont, Lt 1777 in this State

Joseph Smith Capt April ye 27th 1785 in this State, first Lt Sepr ye 5th 1775, in this State,

Jesse Willcocks Capt April ye 27th 1785 in this State 1st Lt Sepr ye 5th 1775 in this State Capt May 8th 1781 Vermont

Nathan Young Capt April ye 27th 1785 in this State, Ensign May ye 8th 1781 under Vermont—

Daniel Chase Capt April ye 27th 1785 in this State, Second Lt Sepr 5th 1775, first Lt Sepr 19th 1775 all of this State

John Cook Capt April ye 27th 1785 in this State, Ensign May ye 19th 1775, Ensg July ye 1st 1775 under Massach^ts^

David Perry Capt April ye 27th 1785 in this State, Second Lt

May ye 1st 1775, first Lt Decr ye 2^d^ 1776 under Connecticut

John Quimby Capt April ye 27, 1785 in this State

State of Newhamp^r^ Plainfield Jany ye 15th 1788

To his Excellency the President and the Honble the Council—

May it please Your Excellency and Honours I have called on the Captains of the Several Companies of the fifteenth Regiment of Militia to produce their Credentials in order to assertain their Rank, which is as heretofore mentioned, The reason of my making a Return in this manner I was adviz'd to it by Genl Chase and the other officers, therefore I hope to pardon'd not makeing a Return in usual form

From Your most Obed^t^ and Very Humble Servt

Joseph Kimbel Maj^r^ C D

[9-40] [*Relative to Service in Revolution.*]

Humbly sheweth the Petition of Joseph Kimbal in behalf of the Town of Plainfield that the s^d^ Town was called on for Eight men for the continental Service in the Year 1777—which they furnished and in the Year 1781, said Town was call'd on to furnish Eight men more of which said Town furnished two only one of which soon deserted the other served his time out which was during the War, Your Petitioner would further add that ye abovesaid Proportions were made by doomage, and that on examining the invoices of said Town in February 1786 it appeared that in ye year 1777 Plainfields proportion was four men only, and as their is a large demand agt s^d^ Town for deficiency of men in ye Year 1781 Your petitioner prays that their

overplus services done in 77, may be brought forward, and give creadit on the deficiency for the Year 81 or otherwise grant such relief as Your Honors in their wisdom shall see cause to direct, And Your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Joseph Kimbal in behalf of s^{d} Town

[In H. of Rep., June, 1791, the matter was postponed to the next session.—Ed.]

[9–42] [*Amos Stafford for Remuneration: addressed to the Legislature, 1795.*]

The Request of your Petitioner Humbly Sheweth that in the Cours of the war with Great Brittain in obedience to the orders of the Legeslator of the State of New-hampshire i did Lay my Self out to obey their orders in assisting to Raise men and aid them in their Mach to and from tyconderago with Provision & Pack hose and Raising thee three years men I did advance money in the Cause to a Considerable amount and Spent my own time as one of the Committe of Safety for the town of Plainfield and in the time when Royaltown in Vermont was burnt by indians I did by order of Generl Bellows Given mee by Capt Peter Page and Co^{ll} Abel walker of Charlestown to open my house and Stores and Delt out to A Large amount in Provision and hors Keeping for four days and four Nights I Nor my wife Could not get Leasur time to ondress to take Rest for our house was full both Night and Day of men going up or Returning back all which I did in obedience to the orders of the State and Commanding officers of the State for the Support of the Cause then Depending and furthermore in obedience to the Request of the State sent out to the towns to send in theire accounts in order for A Settlement with the Unighted States Congrees I did Exhibbit my account to Sanford Kingsbery Esqr of Clarmont who was appointed to Receive the accounts of these towns along hear and he Exepted them as Sufficienly authenticated, and as I have allways paid my Proportion of tax to the State that has been Called for of Mee and as I have Not Received any pay for all the afore Cited Sevice and performances I pray this Honourable Boddy to Consider the Cause of the poor Petitioner Now humbly Requesting his part of the Ballanc Struck in favour of this State with the United States Congress as a Compensation for all my trouble as you in your wisdom may think Proper and as in duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

As your humble Pittioner—

Amos Stafford

[9-43] [*Relative to Glebe Land, 1795.*]

The Petition of the Select Men of Plainfield Humbly Sheweth, That there is two Rites of Land Called the Glebe and Propagating Rites Lying in s^d^ Town which at Present are no Benefit to the Town and Do not answer the End and Design of Their Appropriation—

Therefore your Petitioners Prayer is that your Honours wou'd Take the Matter under your wise Consideration & Grant the Town the Priviledge of Converting Either or both of the beforementioned Rites or the use of Either or both of them for the Support of the Gospel Ministry in s^d^ Town or otherwise Grant, as your Honours in your wisdon Shall See fit—

Dated at Plainfield November Y^e^ 25th AD 1795

Zadok Bloss
Chester Chapman } Select Men of Plainfield

[9-44] [*Kimball and Gallup for Authority to construct Locks: addressed to the General Court, 1796.*]

Humbly Sheweth the petition of Joseph Kimball & Peres Gallop that there are falls in Connecticut River oposite the Town of Plainfield known by the name Waterqueche falls which Renders the Navigation impasable with Boats which is very Injurious to those that do Business on said River therefore Your petitioners pray Your Honours to take the matter under Your Wise consideration and Grant your petitioners the Exclusive Right of Locking s^d^ falls, so that the Same be made Navigable for Boats &c under Such Regulations and Restrictions as Your Honours in Your Wisdom shall see cause to direct and Your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Concord Decr 1st 1796

Joseph Kimball
Perez Gallup

[Petition granted Dec. 2, 1796.]

[9-45] [*For Incorporation of a Library, 1797.*]

Humbly Sheweth Daniel Kimball that he with a number of others in the Parish of Meriden purchased a Collection of Books for a Social Library but find it necessary to be incorporated in order to realize the advantages Contemplated—Therefore pray

that they may be incorporated with such privileges as are usually Granted in Such Cases, and as in Duty bound will pray

Novr 27th 1797

Danl Kimball for the purchasers

[The library was incorporated by the name of Meriden Library, Dec. 11, 1797.—Ed.]

PLAISTOW.

The township was formerly a part of Haverhill, Mass., and was included in the purchase of Nov., 1642, from the Indians. After the establishment of the province line in 1741, it was called the Haverhill District until it was incorporated, Feb. 28, 1749, by the name "Plastow."

Sept. 3, 1767, the westerly half of the town was set off and incorporated into "a Parish by the name of Atkinson," with all the powers and privileges of any town in the province.

By an act approved June 28, 1831, a portion of the farm of James George was severed from Kingston and annexed to this town.

John Cooper of this town was in 1st N. H. Reg't. Entered April 27, 1778; discharged Dec. 31, 1781.

[9–19] [*Relative to election of Representatives, 1774: addressed to H. of Rep.*]

Humbly shew The Subscribers, Freeholders in ye towns of Plastow & Hampstead & Parish of Atkinson in s^{d} Province, that a writ was duly Issued to ye Selectmen of ye s^{d} Towns & Parish to warn a meeting of ye Freeholders of s^{d} Towns & Parish qualified to vote in ye choice of a Representative at some convenient time & Place, to chuse some fit Person to represent them in ye General assembly for s^{d} Province on ye first Thursday in April last—that a meeting of ye s^{d} Freeholders was by ye s^{d} Selectmen appointed to be held on ye Twentieighth day of March last at m^{r} Reuben Harrimans in s^{d} Hampstead being a Private House—when & where many of ye s^{d} Freeholders assembled & Proceeded to make such choice—that Nath^{ll} Peabody Esq. & capt Jon^{a} Carlton were ye only candidates voted for—that ye Moderator, after examining ye votes declared the

s^d^ Jon^a^ Carlton was chosen by a Majority of Seven votes only & return of s^d^ writ was made accordingly that ye s^d^ Carlton was chosen. Now your Petitioners beg leave to shew to this Honble Court, that Sundry Persons qualified & who would have voted for ye s^d^ Peabody disliking ye place of Meeting or thinking their vote would be received if Sent to ye Moderator, were absent at that time—That Sundry others who were not qualified or Freeholders, were admitted to & did vote for ye s^d^ Jon^a^ Carlton.

That they apprehend, if a fair meeting & Choice was made in ye s^d^ Towns & Parish, Nath^ll^ Peabody Esq. would have a considerable Majority—

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray this Honble court would Set aside ye s^d^ Return & give them an opportunity fairly to exercise one of their most valuable Priviledges & to come to a fair choice & as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c^a^—

Plastow May 6th 1774.—

Thomas follansbe	Nath Noyes	John Dole
moses ordway	Asa Page	Stephen Dole jun
Edmund Hale	Stephen Page	Ezekiel Belknap
Peter Dow	moses Page	Samuel Little
william Gay	James Page	Benjn Little Ju^r^
Richerd Cheney	James merrill	moses Little
samuel Dow	John Webster Jr	John Harriman
Benjamin Davis	Benj^a^ Stone	Enoch Sawyer
John Tucker	Joseph Knight	Theophilus Goodwin
Samuel Dow Junr	Daniel Poor Junr	Josah Dow
Benj^a^ Kimbell	Jona Poor	Joshua Dow
Stephen Gile	John Knight jur	John Bradly
Ezekiel Dow	Joseph french	Je^r^ Gilman
Abraham Chase	Ebenezer knight	James Noyes
Daniel Stevens	Joshua Knight	Henry Hale
Jeuener	Enoch Noyes	John Knight 3^d^
Joseph Smith	Thos Noyes	Eliphalet Poor
Bejamjmn Bly	Richard Brown	Moses Belknap
Asaph Harriman	Nath^ll^ Cogswell	Joseph Little
John Heath	Enoch Knight	Ben Philbrick
Isaac Heath	John Dow	Jeremiah Poor
Jonathan Heath	Benjamin Richards	Samuel Welch
Ephraim Simmons	Daniel Richards	Daniel Stevens
Jacob Heath	Jesse Page	Benjamin petengill
Moses Bradley	Benjamin Emery	Nathan Gile
Nath^ll^ Kimball	John Ingalls	Jesse Stevns
Benj^a^ Hale	Stephen Dole	John Kimball

[In H. of Rep., May 19, 1774, the petition was dismissed. D.]

[9–20] [*Relative to Hugh Potter, 1775.*]

We your Humbel pettionars in behalf of the town of plastow humbly Sheweth that one old hue potter an old Englandman who Saith he was A Kings Solder in the Kings armey & a bout twenty five years ago Come in to this town and was Seasnable warned out acording to the Law of this province and is Now be Come a towns Charge & hes ben for Sum time parst—to the vallye of twelve pound L m we your humble pettitonars pray you would take our Case under your Considerations and order that for the futer the s^{d} potter Shall be maintained by the province or Countey a fore said and we your humble pettionars as in Dutey bound Will Ever pray

Dated plastow August 28 1775

Daniel Stevens } Select men
Ezekiel Gile } for Plastow

This petition dismist

[9–21] [*Petition for a Settlement of Town Lines, 1778.*]

Humbly Shew the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Plastow in the County of Rockingham, in behalf of the Inhabitants of said Town—That in the year 1767—an Act past the general Court, erecting the westerly part of said Town, into a New Parish & investing the same with all the Privileges of other Towns, in the *then* Province, by the Name of Atkinson—That afterwards vizt in the Year 1768, upon the Petition of James White and Samuel Kimball & others—(whose Estates were included within the Lines of Atkinson) to have Liberty to poll off with their Estates to Plastow, the General Court passed a vote in the following words, vizt "voted that two of the Petitioners only vizt James White & Samuel Kimball have Liberty to poll off from said Atkinson to Plastow aforesaid, with their families and Estates, both real & personal, and shall hereafter be estimated taken and adjudged to be part of, and belong to, the said Town of Plastow, and shall be adjudged liable and subject to all Duties Taxes and orders of said Town, as much, and in the same manner, as other Inhabitants of said Town, in proportion to their Estates—saving that their future purchases shall belong to the Town or Parish where they lay"—That since that Time, the said Kimball has sold his said real Estate and removed within the Line of Plastow,—That as the said Vote is silent, with regard to the said real Estates after the Demise or removal of the said White and Kimball, since the said Sale, Disputes have arisen between the said Town and Parish

concerning the Right of taxing the Estate sold, and the possessor thereof—That sometimes the said Town, and sometimes the said Parish have taxed them and collected the Tax—that they have endeavoured to settle the matter among themselves but without Effect—

That a Trial at Law for the Determination thereof would be attended with great Expence and perhaps not be satisfactorily decisive; and might be *only* productive of Animosity and Malevolence between the Inhabitants of said Town and Parish, pernicious at any Time, but more especially at this difficult and unsettled State of public Affairs—

Wherefore they pray Your Honours Consideration of the Matter—and that you would Determine and order to which the said Estate and the possessor thereof shall in future belong—as well as the Estate of the said White when it shall fall into other hands And Y^r^ Petitioners will gladly acquiesce in the Determination—And ever pray &c—

Joseph Welch } Selectmen of
David. Bryant } Plastow

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 20, 1778, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[9–23] [*Capt. Gile's Resignation.*]

Plastow August 3^d^ 1780

Hon^rd^ Sir

As I was appointed by the General Assembly of this State to take the Command of a Company of men raised by this State to be stationed at Piscataqua Harbour for the Defence of Portsmouth These are to inform your Honour that as my affairs are now Circumstanced I must beg Liberty to Resign the Trust reposed in me

I am with great Respect Your
Honr^s^ most Obedt and Humb^l^ Servt

Ezekiel Gile

Honr^bl^ Meshech Weare Esqr
President of ye State of New Hampsh^r^

[9–24] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hamshir Rocking^m^

In Pursuant of orders Recived from the Gennariel assembly of s^d^ State wee Have taken the exact number of male Polls of twenty one years of age and upward Paying for themselves a

Poll tax with in the town of Plastow the amount of which is Ninty

Plastow December ye 9—1783

Ezekiel Gile } Selectmen for
John White } Plastow

[Sworn to before Peter Clement, Justice of the Peace. —Ed.]

[R. 3–125] [*John Pollard's Petition, Soldier, 1760.*]

The Humble Petition of John Pollard of the town of Plastow in the province of New hampshir Humbly Petitioneth that Where as my Sone Hezekiah Pollard was a Listed Soldier in the year past in the Province Service under the Comand of Capt Todd and Came home Sick of which Sickness he Died I Would beg the Honourable Comittee to take the matter in Consideration and allow the Cost of the Docktr Bill and the Nurses Which is herein Inclosed and you will Greatly Ablige your Humble petitioner John Pollard

Plastow January 29th 1760

[He was allowed £11, 17, 6, new tenor.—Ed.]

[R. 3–125½ is an itemized account of Dr. Stephen Huse for attending John Pollard.—Ed.]

[R. 3–126] [In a petition dated June 2, 1763, John Hazzen, as attorney for Matthew Bryant of Plaistow, stated that said Bryant "was an Inlisted Soldier In Capt John Hazzens Comp^a^, In the year 1760, under the Command of Col^o^ John Goffe In the New Hampshire Regiment, & that after being dismissed from said Regim^t^ Came home, the second day after I was taken sick with the small pox & lay sixty days." He asked for an allowance, and was paid £8 sterling.—Ed.]

[R. 3–128] [*Soldier's Order.*]

Plastow April 20th 1778

S^r^ please to pay Capt Benj. Kimball all the money Due to me for Rations as an officer in Capt Pages Company in Col^o^ Drakes Regiment and this order shall be your full Discharge from your Humble Servant—

To Col^o^ Nico^s^ Gilman

Nathaniel Little Ensign

[R. 3–129] [*Soldier's Receipt.*]

Received of the Selectmen of Plastow three Pound thirteen shillings three pence it being supplies for my familie whilce I wase in the Continentel army for the town of Plastow

Received by mee witness my hand

Witness John his × mark Cooper

Daniel Ayer Ezekiel Gile
lodgd Octo 16 1783

[R. 3–130] An account of what y^e^ Town of Plastow Paid y^e^ Wife of Sam^ll^ Heath at sundy Times

1780.	December Paid in Beef	£72.18.0
1781	March Paid on account of wood	210. 0.0
		$282.18.0

1782 March Equil to 34 Bushel of Ind^n^ Corn
Paid Equil to 7 Bushel of Ind^n^ Corn

Jno Ayer, Nat Little, David Bryent } Select men for Plastow

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[R. 3–131] [*Mrs. Sarah Heath's Receipt.*]

Plastow Jany y^e^ 1st 1783

This May Certify to the Honnareble Committey on Clames that I Sarah Heath Wife to Samuel Heath a Solder in the Contenneltel armey for said town of Plastow have Rec^d^ of s^d^ town Six Pound thirteen shillings Lawful money it Being for Supplyes for me and Fameley the year Past

I say Rec^d^ by me Sarah her × mark heath

Test Moses Bradley James Smith

[R. 3–132] [*Enlistment.*]

Plastow August ye 3—1782

We the Subscribers Do Enlist our selves as Soldiers to sarve at Portsmouth untill the Larst Day of December next unless sooner Discharged and We Promis Submishion and obedience

to Capt Titus Saltor and any other officer that shall be set over us by him or any other Lawfull authority a Cording to the Rules and Reglations of the Contanentel Armey

Trustram Ordway
Jesse Davies

The above named Jesse Davis Recd my orders to march ameaditely aftair the date of his in List men and to Poot him sel under the Command as mentioned above att—

Joseph Welch major

Enlisted ye 3^d^ joined ye 16 absented ye 1^t^ Dec with 6 others by leave from Lt Ackerman house burn'd &c

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[R. 3-133] [*Petition of Jesse Davis, Soldier, who was returned as a Deserter.*]

The petetion of Jesse Davis of Plastow in the County of Rockingham in said State Humbly Sheweth—That in pursuance of Orders issued from the Honb^l^ committee of Safety of said State, your Hon^rs^ petitioner on the 3^d^ day of Augt ADom 1782, did inlist himself as a Soldier to serve, in the Company raised for the defence of Piscataqua Harbour, from the said 3^d^ of August untill the last day of December then next following—

That the petitioner, soon after his inlisting did March and actually Join the said Company, which was Commanded by Capt Titus Salter, where your Hon^rs^ petitioner did continue to perform his duty as a Soldier, to the best of his ability untill the first day of said December, during which time he with his fellow Soldiers were Necessitated to sustain very considerable hardships, with respect to provision, some times having none, at other times but scanty allowance, or else that which was damaged & not fit to be eaten by Man!

That on the said 1st of December your petetioner had not for Eight days then last past received half a days allowance of bread, and their meat had been extreamly bad—

That the Soldiers frequently petetioned their officers more especially Lieut Akerman, as the Capt was some times absent, to procure them some redress, but to no purpose; as the officers observed that no pains had been wanting on their part, but the provisions were not to be had—

And here your Honors Special Candor is humbly requested while the petetioner is under the Necessity of mentioning some disagreable Circumstances—in hopes also that Lieut Akerman, on recollection, will not take umbrage at the rehersal—That

Lieut Akerman gave the petetioner and others to understand, that although it was not his business to give the Soldiers a proper discharge yet he was fully of opinion that their further Services were not needed, and that no inconvenience would arise from their retireing from the Service; in the full belief of which your petetioner with several others left the Company—

That the petetioner being Sick, naked, & hungry, return'd to Plastow in hopes of a little relief, but to his further distress found that the house at which he had lived for some time before he inlisted, and in which was all the little property he owned, had but few days before been burn'd with fire and he left without a farthing, which was the second unfortunate instance of the like nature that had occured to him within a little more than one year—

In this distressed Situation, being but little more than sixteen years of age, and his father having in the Service of his Country been most inhumanly bayoneted to death by the British troops, the petetioner must have enevitably perished, not having a farthing of patrimony, or any relation of ability to give him relief, had it not been for some persons whose circumstances are far from being affluent who generously consented to afford him some assistance and wait till the petetinor should receive his wages from the public—

That on application for said wages your petetinor was inform'd he was return'd a Deserter, and no wages due to him which gave him the first Idea of his having Transgressed in the affair—

Wherefore

Your Hon^{rs} petetionor Humbly prays this Honorable Court to commiserate his distress'd Setuation, and in your Great wisdom and clemency grant that he may receive the full amount of his pay for the time he was in the Service of his country, or otherwise relieve him in such way as to your Hon^{rs} it shall seem good and the petetinor as in duty bound will ever pray &c—

Jesse Davies

[Sworn to before Peter Clement, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

We the Subscribers freeholders of the Town of Plastow having viewed and Considered the foregoing petetion of Jesse Davis, and being acquainted with him and with some of the Circumstances mention'd & set forth in his Petetion, do hereby Certifie that it is our Opinion the said Davis is an honest simple well meaning young man, and that in general, from the

best information we have been able to Obtain, his petetion contains a Just State of Facts—

Plaistow Decr 6th 1783—

Jo^{s} Smith, Wm Bradly, David Bryent } Select men for Plastow Year—1782

Moses Bartlet, Ezekiel Gile } Selectmen for Plastow for 1783

John Copp	Dn Joseph Hariman
David Stevens	Asaph Hariman
Simeon Peaslee	Isaac Heath
Josaph colanes	Job Eaton
Joshua Dow	Ezekiel Dow
Moses Harriman	Leonard Harriman
Daniel Stevens	John Heath
James Smith	Benjn Bly
Moses Bly	John Harriman
James Blye	

[R. 3–134]

State of Newhamps^{r} In House of Representatives Decr 26th 1783

The Committee on the petition of Jesse Davis & all Similar Matter, Report that Jesse Davis, Nathan Berry & Paul Clarke, who are Returned Deserters by Capt Titus Salter on his Roll for the year 1782, be paid for the full Time they were in the Service Sign'd Nathl Folsom for the Committee which Report being Read & Considered, Voted that it be Receiv'd & Excepted & that the President give order accordingly—

Sent up for Concurrence

John Dudley—Speaker

In Council the Same day read and Concurred

E Thompson Secy

[9–25] [*Relative to Class for Representative, 1786.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss

This May Certerfy that at a leagel meeting held at the meeting House in the Town of Plastow on Tuesday ye 21 Day of November 1786 after deliberating on the matter of haveing the Towns of Hampstied Atkinson and Plastow Classed to Gether in the Choise of Representitives for the futer it was put to Vote and no person appeared to Vote for the same and being put to

the Contirary Voted that the three towns afforesaid should not be classed in the choice of a representive for the futtar as Witness my hand

David Stevens Town Clark

9-26] [*Vote of Town relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

State of Newhampshire Rockingham ss.

At a Leagel Meeting held at the Meeting House in the town of Plastow on tuesday the 21st Day of November A:D: 1786 for the purpose of takeing under Consideration the plan for makeing a paper Currencey a Greable to the Direction of the Hon° General Cort &c the said plan Being read and Considred it was put to Vote to see if the town would except it—no person Voted for to except s^d^ plan and being put to the Conteraye 13 Persons Voted not to reseve s^d^ plan and also Voted not to make aney amendments or alterations &c—

Witness our hands

Jos Smith, Jn° Ayer, Amos Sawyer } Selectmen for Plastow

[See Atkinson papers, Vol. XI.—Ed.]

[9-27.] [*Relative to Representative Class, 1786.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitance of the towns Plastow & Atkinson in Said State and Each man paying a poll tax for him Self tharein humbly Sheweth that whereas the Inhabitance of hampstead have petitioned the general Court Setting forth their Desire to Be annexed to the fore Said Towns plastow & Atkinson in Sending a Representative to Represent Said Towns at the general Court in Said State we your petitioners Considering the Situation of the inhabitance of Said Hampstead they Being unrepresented in Said general Court By Reason of their Not having a Sufficiancy of polls for that purpose and it Being Disconvenant for said Hampestead to Be Classed with Any other Towns then those above mentioned for the purpose aforesaid we therefore freely give our Consent too and Desire you would annex Said Hampstead with Said plastow and Atkinson & that those three Towns make But one Class for Sending a Representative for the future and your petionars as in Duty Bound will ever pray

Jonathan Sawyer	Moses Bly	Samuel Dow
Stephen Woodward	Joseph Harriman	John Dow
Christopher Clement	John Kimball	Benjamin Carleton

James Woodward
zebediah sargent
Thomas Hall
John Hall
Peter Harriman
Saml Heath
John Herriman
moses Jackman
David Hariman
Reuben Gile
Salvenus Noyce
Nathaniel Little
Isaiah Johnson
James Noyes
John Bradley
Benjamin Davis
moses Simons
moses Harriman
John Kelly
John Stevens
Isaac Noyes

Jon^{a} Kimball
Joseph Kimball
John Jeffers
Nat^{h} Bradley
Jonathan Kimball
Wm Bradly
Noah Jackman
Samuel Kimball
Joseph Welch
David Bryent
Samuel Harriman
William Ayer
Daniel Ayer
Wiliam farnam
Simons Follansbe
Joseph Adams
Moses Bartlet
Deniel Bartlet
Nathaniel Cheney iun^{r}
Nathaniel Cheney

Samuel Welch
Ezekeiel flanders
James Blye
Leonard Harriman
David Stevens
David Stevens Juner
Simon peaslee
Moses ordway
Ezekiel Dow
John Chase
Nathaneil Bartlet
Asa Kimball
Joseph Ayer
Job Eatton
Jesse Eaton
Benj^{a} Bly
Jonathan Heath
Joshua Dow
Nathl Kimball
Chase Stevens

[See Vol. XI, p. 93.—Ed.]

[9–28] [*Instructions to the Legislature: addressed to the H. of Rep., 1786.*]

Whereas the Good people of this State have for Some time laboured under Grate difficualtes for want of a Sufficiantcy of money to Carey on the Common business in S^{d} State—and also labouring under maney other Difficalteys which may be removed to the Grate advantage of the Cytisons of S^{d} State tharefore at a leagel town Metting held at the meeting House in the town of Plastow on the 28th of August 1786—on purpose to take under Considration the Difficalteys as afforesaid and praying that the Same may be remved—Voted firstly to recommend to the Hon^{be} General Cort to make a Some of paper money for a Curcullateing meadem for the benefit of this State &c 2^{ly} Voted to recommend to s^{d} Corte to have the infearor Corts in this State put by for the futer as being unnesserey and ingereus to the Commonwelth of this State 3^{ly} Voted to recommed to S^{d} Corte that the Justices of the peace be impowered to try aney Case or Causes that is now brot to the infearor Corts &c—4^{ly} Voted to recommed to s^{d} Cort that if ye Excise on Spiritus likure must be Continued to order and impower the Selectmen in thear respective towns to collect the excise and return the same to the

Trsurey of S^{d} State 5^{ly} Voted to recommend to S^{d} Cort to pass an act to impower the town Clarks in thear respecttive towns within this State to receive all Deeds within thear towns and record the Same—6^{y} Voted to recommend to s^{d} Cort that the Constabels within thear respecttive towns within this State may be impowered to Serve aney and all precepts that Shall Come to thear hands from Lawful athoriety 7^{ly} Voted that there be no Deputy Shireff Within the State afors^{d} for the futer

David Stevens Town Clark

[9-29] [*Petition in favor of Joseph Welch: addressed to the President and Council.*]

We the Subscribers being freeholders in ye Town of Plastow in said County; whereas Joseph Welch Esqr of said Town, has been for upwards of Ten Years past an Officer in ye Regiment in this place, as well as Justice of ye Peace in & for said Town & County; we understand that by the new arangement of Officers that ye s^{d} Welch has no appointment in either; we your humble petitioners look upon ye s^{d} Welch as an useful member of Society, & therefore pray that your Excellency with ye advise & consent of ye Council would continue ye said Welch in ye Office of Justice in & for said Town & County. And your humble petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Jonathan Kimball	Amos davis	James Noyes
John Hall	Moses Davis	Isaiah Johnson
David Bryent	Samul Dow	Nathaniel Little
Th^{o} Hall	Nath^{ll} Cheney	Sam^{ll} Heath
Leonard Harriman	Nathaniel Cheney in^{r}	Timothy Noyes
Moses Harriman	John Tucker	John Harriman
Moses Bartlet	Simeon Peaslee	Moses Bly
Joshua Dow	Samuel Dow Ju^{r}	James Bly
Samuel Kimball	Daniel Stevens	Benj^{a} Bly
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Jno Ayer	Chase Stevens	John Bradley
William Ayer	moses Jackman	Jonathan hath
Daniel Ayer	David Harriman	Jo^{s} Kimball
Joseph Adams	Noah Jackman	
Simons Follonsbe	Alexander Stevns	

[9-30] [*Relative to the Claims of Allen's Heirs, etc.: addressed to the General Court, 1786.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Plastow in the sate aforesaid Humbly Sheweth, That Whereas at this Present time their is a great Commotion among the People in said State Occationed (as we think) by Some Lead-

ing and Designing men in said State of New Hampshire aforesaid, and to Prevent many and great evils which we fear will insue (unless Soon Prevented) we do Present this our Humble Petition Praying your Honours to Enact the Following Articles (Viz)—

1st That you would not allow those Persons, Purchesers of the Allen Claim So Calld any Part of their Claim within this State—

2ly That not any of those Persons that are Purchesers of the said Allen Claim hold any Commission of Profit or Honour in said State, for the Space of One year—

3ly That the General Court take up the Matter Respecting of the Clame of the Masonian Property (so Calld) to Certain Lands in this State as we Think their Title is not good & Valued and that the said Certain Land Claimed by them be Converted to the Use of said State—

4ly That there be a Bank of Paper money made to Redeem this State Notes, Certificates, &c—

5ly That the General Court Petition Congress to Redeem the Continental Paper Currency that is in the Treasury in the State the same being more then was our Proportion—

6ly That the Ports and Harbers in this State be opened and a Free Trade with all, Except the Refugees

Plastow June ye 2d 1786

John Hall	Saml Kimball	Moses Jackman
Nathl Kimball	Samuel Dow	Jonathan Heath
Joshua Dow	Nathaneil Bartlet	John Harriman
Peter Harriman	John Stevens	Benj Bly
David Bryent	Aleander Stevens	James Bly
Jno Ayer	Chase Stevens	Moses Bly
Simons Follansbee	Moses Bartlett	Joseph Kimball
Joseph Ayer	Wm Farnham	Thomas Hall
Jonathan Kimball	Daniel Stevens	John Bradley
William Ayer	Moses Davis	William Bradly
Daniel Ayer	John Chase	Nathaniel Bradley
Stephen Heath	Benja Davis	Leonard Harriman
Joseph Adams	Nathaniel Little	Moses Harriman
John Dow	Isaac Noyes	

PLYMOUTH.

The township was granted, July 15, 1763, to Joseph Blanchard and sixty-one others, and contained a portion of the present town of Hebron.

In 1764 Zachariah Parker, James Hobart, Stephen and David Webster, and others from Hollis, settled in the town.

By an act passed June 15, 1792, the south-west portion of the town was taken off, combined with a portion of Cockermouth, now Groton, and incorporated into the town of Hebron. A committee was appointed by the legislature, Oct. 27, 1780, to settle the bounds of this and other towns in Grafton county (see Vol. XI, p. 729), and their report, which was accepted, took off a tract of land from the north side of Plymouth, which the inhabitants considered as belonging to that town and petitioned to have restored, which was done by an act passed June 21, 1793. The same act also annexed to Plymouth some lots of land belonging to Nathaniel Peabody, known as "the Everett Farm and Withey Lot."

June 26, 1845, some lots were severed from the north-east corner of Hebron and annexed to this town. Plymouth was further enlarged by the annexation of a portion of Campton, June 27, 1860. The State Normal School was established in this town in 1870, and the town was connected with Campton by telephone in 1881.

[9-46] [*Petition for a Survey of the Town, 1772.*]

The petition of Samuel Livermore & David Hobart two of the proprietors of the common and undivided Land lying within the township of Plimouth in said province in behalf of themselves and the rest of the proprietors of said common and undivided land in said town of Plimouth humbly sheweth That the said town of Plimouth was originally granted by the following boundarys namely beginning at the westerly side of Pemigiwasset river opposite to the northwest corner of New-Holderness where the line of Campton comes to the said river from thence westerly about three miles by the south line of Campton to the southwest corner thereof which is the northeast corner of Cockermouth from thence south thirty degrees west five miles and one half mile by said Cockermouth to the southeasterly corner thereof from thence south 37 degrees west by a tract of land called Cardigan six miles to the northerly line of Newchester so called from thence northeasterly by the line of New Chester about eleven miles to Pemigiwasset river from thence up said river as the same tends to the place began at which township or tract of land bounded & described as aforesaid was supposed to contain five miles and a half square or

17000 Acres. The petitioners further shew that the said northeast corner of Cockermouth was never ascertained by any authoritative Survey excepting what was done by Robert Fletcher Esq who by order of his majestys Inferiour Court of Common Pleas held for said province in March AD 1767 with two chain-men under oath surveyd so much of the towns of Lyme Dorchester and Cockermouth as to fix the said northeast corner of Cockermouth on a certain course nineteen miles from Connecticut river by which same survey the said township of Plimouth was found to contain more land than had before been supposed. The said Petitioners farther shew that they have at a very great expence laid out a considerable part of said Tract or township into lots & made roads not only within the said township but for the distance of twenty eight miles to the next nearest Settlement when they began the settlement of Plimouth. That some of their lots improved & settled do not fall within the quantity of 17000 acres altho they are litterally within the bounds of their charter. The Pet^{nrs} therefore pray your Excellency & honours Consideration on the premisses and that a new survey may be made of said town of Plimouth to begin at Pemigiwasset river opposite the northwest corner of New Holderness & to run from thence on a straight line to a hemlock tree newmarked by said Robert Fletcher Esq nineteen miles on a certain course from Connecticut river for the northeast corner of Cockermouth and from thence South thirty degrees west five miles & a half to the Northeast corner of Cardigan and from thence South 37 degrees west six miles to the southeast Corner of Cardigan thence turning easterly & running on the same point that the southerly sideline of Cardigan runs to the line commonly called the patent line thence by said Patent line to Pemigewasset river & thence by the said river to the bounds first mentioned And that all the said last mentioned boundarys when surveyed & marked may be established as the boundarys of the said town of Plimouth & that all the land therein contained over & above the five miles & a half square or 17000 acres mentioned in their first Charter may be granted to the Petitioners to hold in proportion to their respective present interest in the common & undivided lands in Plimouth. And the Petitioners &ca shall ever pray &ca

Sam Livermore for the petitioners

November 27th 1772.

Memorandum The foregoing Petition is presented by the consent & concurrence of the Subscriber being a patentee of three thousand acres within the bounds aforesaid.

John Fenton

March 23 1773 This Petition was dismissed

Geo : King D. Sec'y

[9-47] [*Relative to Orders for raising a Company of Soldiers: addressed to the Committee of Safety or Colonial Congress, 1775.*]

Gentlemen—

Whereas it hath been Represented to us by Mr Abel Webster member of the Colony Congress for the Town of Plymouth in the County of Grafton, That your Honours propos'd & ordered one Company of Foot to be Raised in the County of Grafton, for the Defence of the Country one half of said Company to be raised in the Towns Scituate on Conecticut River & the other half on the Towns Scituate on Pemegiwasitte River, and that the Orders for Raising said Company was delivered to Israel Morey Esqr of Orford to be by him communicated to said Webster & by them to be proportioned upon each River, Yet Nevertheless as we Understand the said Israel Morey Esqr keeps the said orders to himself or from this part of the County in order to raise the whole of said Company on Connecticutt River as he has had no connection or advice with said Webster or any other person in this part of the County concerning the same We therefore the agents of the several Towns hereafter Mentioned beg Leave to remonstrate to Your Honours against the proceeding of said Esqr Morey, conceiving that by his thus proceeding he has not only thwarted the order and advice of Congress or said Committee of Safety but also put this part of the County under a very Uneaquel footing with the other part in bearing the publick charge in not having the Previledge in raising our proportion of Men, We therefore desire that Your Honours would Interpose in said affair by pointing out to the said Esqr Morey the Path of Justice & Generosity by ordering him to Give up the orders to this part of the County to raise half of said Company or otherwise as Your Honors think proper

Plymouth 23^d^ June 1775

For Plymouth Saml Emerson
Rumney Jonathan hall
For N. Holderness Saml Sheperd
For N Chest^r^ Carr Huse
Thornton Ezekiel Eliot
Cockersmouth Ebenezar Kendall
For Alexandrae Jonath^n^ Cauleys
Campton Gershom Burbanks

Read & voted to put off the consideration of this Petition till Col^o^ Hurd is present July 1st 1775

[9–48] [*Relative to the election of a Representative: addressed to the Colonial Congress, 1775.*]

Plymouth 13th Decr 1775

To the Honorable Congress of the Colony of New-Hampshire—

May it please your Honors—

We your humble petitioners, beg leave to lay before you our Remonstrances against the proceedings, at a Meeting of a Number of the Inhabitants of this Town together with a few from the Towns of New-Chester, Cockermouth and Alexandria, held at the Court-House in Plimouth, the 12th of this Instant in order to make choice of a Delegate to represent said Towns in Provincial Congress.

We beg leave to inform your Honors, that the Inhabitants of the Town of Alexandria, by reason of the distance of Way, and Difficulty of Traveling at this time of the Year, convened, and chose Men, and sent them to Plimouth to act in behalf of the Town; but they were suffered to act, in no other Capacity than as Individuals, by which means they were deprived of a Share in the Choice of a Representative—Also that a party Spirit has much prevailed in this Town of late which we are very sorry for—And we think sundry People have been influenced thereby—And that the Gentleman lately elected, was chosen by a party. And we think Things have not been fairly conducted.

We are dissatisfied with the above proceedings, therefore beg of your Honors to condescend so far as to grant a Warrant for another Meeting or permit another Choice to be made, in such a Manner, as that the whole may have a Voice in said Election—

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Silos Brown
Saml Derbon
Edward Evans
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Jacob mash
Samuel marsh
Benjamin Wells
Beniamin Darbon
Dismissed

Stephen Webster Junr
Peter Emerson
Winthrop Wells
John webber
Jonas Ward
Amos Fish
Paul Wells
Josiah Brown
Joseph Read

[R. 3–136.] [*Supplies furnished, 1778 and 1779.*]

An account of the Money Supplied the Families of the Soldiers in the Town of Plymouth ingaged in the Continental Service—The Supplies from the Tenth day of March 1778 to the

Tenth of March 1779 according to the Select Mens accounts & Records for that year are as follows

	Paid by the Soldier	Extra Expenses paid by the Town	Total
James Barns	£10– 4– 9	£68–13–10	£78–18–7
Benjamin Phillips	8–12–11	50– 3–10	58–16– 9
Edward Evins	6– 4– 9	39– 5– 8	45–10– 6
	£25– 2– 5	£158– 3– 5	£183– 5–10

And the Supplies from the Tenth day of March 1779 to the first day of January 1780 are as follows

James Barns	£9–13–9	£126–14–3	£136– 8–0
Benjamin Phillips	12– 8–0	164–16–6	177– 4–6
Edward Evins	8–17–9	164– 7–0	173– 4–9
	£30–19–6	£455–17–9	£486–17–3

Plymouth January 29th 1780

Saml Emerson
John Willoughby } Selcct Men
Benjn Goold

[Willoughby and Goold were sworn before Samuel Emerson.—Ed.]

[R. 3–137.] [*Col. Hobart's Resignation, 1779.*]

To the Honorable General Court for the State of New Hampr

Gentlemen—

I have been Honoured with the Command of the Eleventh Regiment of Militia in this State for some years past, which trust I have Discharged according to the best of my Capacity—and by change of Circumstances. it will be inconvenient for me to serve in this Station any longer—Wherefore I beg leave to Resign this public trust. & accordingly Do Resign this command, & beg the Honorable Court to accept the Same

I am Gentlemen your most obedient Humble Servant

David Hobart

Plymouth June 14th 1779

[R. 3–138] [*David Nevins, Soldier.*]

This may Certify whom it may concern that John Nevins of Plymouth in the County of Grafton and State of Newhampshire is the only Brother to David Nevins late of sd Plymouth who

was a Continental Soldier in Co^{l} Scammels or Reads Regiment or both now deceas^{d} & that the said John is the only male Heir to s^{d} Davids Estate he having besides but only two sisters & therefore no Impediment in the way that we know of but that he may draw the wages or what ever may be due from the State to the S^{d} David or his Estate

Saml Emerson } Selectmen
William George } of Plymouth

Plymouth 19th Jan^{ry} 1784.

[R. 3–139] [*Mrs. Barns's Order.*]

John Taylor Gilman Esqr Treas^{r} of the State of Newhampshire Sir please to pay Joseph Senter Esqr the wages due to me on Account of my late husband James Barns Deceas^{d} being late a Continental Soldier of one of the Quota of the Town of Plymouth and you will oblige yours &c—

Plymouth 22nd October 1784

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Test Saml Emerson

[9–49] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Plymouth 12th December 1783—

This may Certify, that there is Ninety two Male polls upwards of Twenty one years of Age paying for themselves a poll Tax in the Town of Plymouth, There is also over and above said Ninety two, five Soldiers returned home from the Continental Service since the first day of April last belonging to said Plymouth upwards of Twenty one years of Age on said first day of April last

Saml Emerson } Selectmen
William George }

[Sworn to before Samuel Emerson and Moses Dow, justices of the peace.—Ed.]

[9–50] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to build a Bridge, 1785.*]

Humbly shew the subscribers that in travelling the main road from Coos to the Center & Sea ports of the State, they are obliged to cross Bakers River in Plymouth, which is so large

as to be fordable, only a small part of the year, & in cold weather, it is often partly frozen & partly open, so as to render it difficult to pass. That within a few years last past, several Bridges have been built over said River in Plymouth & Rumney at the expence of said Towns or individuals—which tho at a considerable distance out of the main road of travelling, were of great public utility, so long as they continued—

That the Inhabitants of said Towns who live near the place where said river is generally crossed, have within two years last past, been at great expence in building a bridge there, but as yet have not been able to finish, or even make it passable, & that finding the object too great for their conveniance, have given over the pursuit—

That so far as they have proceeded in building said bridge which is considerable, has as yet, with but a triffle of damage withstood the attacks of the late severest freshet ever known while all the other bridges have been swept away

That your petitioners are fully of opinion, that if said bridge could be finished, it would stand, & render great service & be of general convenience to the public, until the timbers thereof should become rotten—And therefore pray your Honors to grant a Lottery, under due regulations. to raise two hundred pounds, which they conceive to be sufficient for the purpose, & to appoint suitable managers for the same

They beg leave further to suggest, in this time of general scarcity of money, that as wheat is the produce of that part of the County, if said Lottery should be bottomed, upon that article, it would be most likely, to answer the end proposed

All which your petitioners, pray your Honors to consider with due deliberation, & make such order thereon, as may appear most for the public good—

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Concord Oct^{o} 31—1785

Moses Dow in behalf & at the request of a number of the Inhabitants of Rumney & Plymouth—

Noah Worcester	David Webster	Eben^{r} Webster
Abraham Burnham	Richard Jenness	Robert Smith
John Young	Robert Colburn	
William Simpson	Elisha Payne	

[In H. of Rep., Nov. 8, 1785, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

[9-51] [*Consent of Town to the severing of the south-west part, 1791.*]

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Plymouth in the County of Grafton qualified to vote in town afairs, held at the meeting house in said town on friday the second day of December AD 1791 by adjournment—It was Voted—

To accept the report of the Committee appointed to take a Survey of the land in the Southwesterly part of Plymouth so far as to establish a line proper for the dividing line betwixt said Plymouth and the land Petitioned for to set off in a new township, which line is—begining at a hemlock tree standing on the Patten line (so called) or the dividing line betwixt Plymouth and Bridgwater one mile and one hundred and thirty seven rods easterly from newfound pond, from thence north seventeen degrees west two miles and two hundred and twenty six rods to the Southwest corner of Benjamin Taylors lot, from thence north forty five degrees west forty eight rods to the Southeast corner of lot number three in the second range, from thence north sixty degrees west on the dividing lines betwixt the lots Number three and four in the first and second ranges in the last division of fifty acre lots, and so on the same course to Cockermouth line, and that we are willing that all the Lands on the Southwesterly side of said line laying in Plymouth be set off and Incorporated into a new township agreeable to the prayer of the Petition—

Extract from the votes of said meeting—

Coppy of Record exam^{d}—

Saml Emerson Town Clerk

[9-52] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants to be incorporated into a new Town, 1791.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers humbly sheweth that by a late establishment of the Boundaries of the Town of Plymouth, (of which we are Inhabitants,) Our Connection with said Town of Plymouth is rendered exceeding difficult, as the road at present is new & in a great Measure unoccupied, & the Length of way from the principal part of us nearly Six miles to the now Centre of said Plymouth, & further, that the greater part of us have been at a great expence in Settling a Gospel minister & Supporting the Gospel among ourselves without any assistance of the Town of Plymouth aforesaid, & having previously obtained approbation of the Inhabitants of said Plymouth by a

unanimous Vote herewith inclos'd & preferrd to Your honours, Signifying that Our desires may be fully gratify'd—

Wherefore we pray that Such a part of said Plymouth as is expressd by meets & Bounds (in said Vote herewith preferr'd by the Bearer William Cummings) may be set off, & incorporated into a Township by the Name of Weston, & that we the Inhabitants of the same may be invested with Town Privileges in Such way as Your Honour's in Wisdom may Judge fit

And We your Honour's Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Plymouth Decr 7th 1791—

E^{ben} Kendall	John W Kendall	Evan Bartlet
Josiah Hobart	Jacob Lovejoy	Benj^{a} Hazelton
uriah Pike	Jacob Perkins	Jonathan Morss
Simeon Lovejoy	James Colburn	David Cheney
Ebenezer Kendall	Samuel Hazaltun	Jerahmeel Bowers
Ju	Wm Cummings Junr	Jonathan Bartlett

[The territory was set off, combined with a part of Cockermouth, and incorporated into the town of Hebron, June 15, 1792.—Ed.]

[9–53] [*Relative to the disputed Line.*]

This may Certify whom it may Concern that Concerning the lands between Campton and Plymouth (in Dispute) which Plymouth protend to hold because laid out by the propriators of said plymouth and Settle^{d} under plymouth which is said that was never Disputed till very lately until the line was Established by the Courts Committee Nor Ever till said plymouth petitioned Campton to be Anexed to said plymouth—which may appear to the Contrary

In the first place plymouth knew that Campton held a Straight line from New Holderness Northwest Corner to Cockermouth Northeast Corner and them two Corners was well known by the first Settlers of said plymouth—

In the second place those Inhabitants on said lands acknoledged themselves under the Juridiction of Campton by holding Millitary Commitions and Offices in town affairs which may be made to appear and thirdly before the said Courts Committee run said line the said Inhabitants several of them living on said lands purchased undivided Shares in Campton in Order to Cover their lands which they knew would fall into said Campton After the said Committee run said line the Inhabitants aforesaid refused to Come under the Juridicon of said Campton till matters were Settled between plymouth and Cockermouth in

regard to lands that were taken of Cockermouth by said Committee and in the mean time that those Matters were in adjatation plymouth Pitched for their Meeting house and built it within one Mile of the Committees line and laid out all their wild lands wouth Settling in to lots and picked those that they thought worth Settling and left the rest for the propriators of Campton for a Compensation for those lands that plymouth had laid out in Campton and then petioned said Campton to have the aforesaid Inhabitants to be anexed to said plymouth

[9–54 is a crude plan, showing the Blanchard line and the committee's line.—Ed.]

[9–55] [*Relative to setting off the south-west part of the Town, 1792.*]

This may Certify that the Inhabitants of the town of Plymouth have been served with a Coppy of a Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of Plymouth and Cockermouth (respecting Incorporating a New Township)—and the order of Court thereon, and have no objection provided that a former vote of the Inhabitants of said Plymouth respeting the dividing line betwixt said Plymouth and said newtownship (a coppy of which vote has already been given the Petitioners) be strictly adheard to—In behalf of the Inhabitants of said Plymouth—

Plymouth June 9th 1792

Saml Emerson one of
the Selectmen of Plymouth

[9–56] [*Vote of Town relative to the disputed Land, 1792.*]

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Plymouth in the County of Grafton held by adjournment at the dwelling house of Joseph Herrik in said Plymouth on friday the 29th day of November 1792

It was Voted, That the town Petition the General Court to have the tract of land with its Inhabitants lying betwixt Blanchards line (so called) and the Dividing line established by a Committee of the General Court betwixt Plymouth and Campton annexed to said Plymouth—also—

Voted, That John Porter esqr is chosen Agent in behalf of said Plymouth with full Power to Petition the General Court for the purpose aforesaid, and pursue said afair in order to have the same Compleated as soon as may be.

Extracts from the proceedings of said meeting and a true Coppy of Record examined Pr

Saml Emerson town Clerk

[9-57] [*Petition for the Annexation of the disputed Territory to Plymouth: addressed to the General Court, 1792.*]

The Petition of us the subscribers Humbly Sheweth—That by the dividing line betwixt Plymouth and Campton as lately Established by the Honble Joseph Badger esq^r^ and others a Committee appointed by an act of the General Court, a tract of land with its Inhabitants is taken off of what has been held to be part of Plymouth and laid on to Campton, said Tract bounding on the South by said Committees line, on the north on Blanchards line so called, and on Rumney line about one mile on the west, said lines nearly Intersecting each other that is the Committees line and Blanchards line near Pemegiwasette river on the east, Therefore your Petitioners Inhabitants of said tract of Land and others Improvers and owners of Land therein further Shew—That we have ever Injoyed our Selves and lands under the Jurisdiction of Plymouth ever since the Incorporation thereof, and Still desirous so to remain—That we have with said Plymouth been our proportion of expence in Settling and maintaining a minister and in all public buildings taxes and expences, That it is much more convenient for us to belong to the town of Plymouth than Campton being much connected with and living near the center of the Inhabitants of Plymouth and much disconnected with and living very remote from the center of the Inhabitants of Campton—We therefore pray your Honours to take our cause under consideration and that said tract of Land with its Inhabitants may be annexed to, or remain to the town of Plymouth, and that said Plymouth have and continue Jurisdiction of the same and the Preambulation of the line betwixt Plymouth and Campton be put of till the determination of the General Court hereon, or otherwise act thereon as you may think best, and your Petitioners as in deuty bound shall ever pray &c

Plymouth December 8th 1792—

Saml Emerson	Jacob marsh
Jacob Merrill	Samuel Marsh
George All	thomas m^c^Cluer
Ebenezer Blodget	Joshua Thornton
James Harvell	Jacob Giddings
Onsyphrous Marsh	Jacob Smith
Benjn Goold	William Greenough

Ephraim Keyes	Peter Dearban
Winthrop Wells	Peter Webster
Benjamin Wells	David Alls
Elisha Bean	

[The land in question was annexed to Plymouth by an act passed June 21, 1793.—Ed.]

[9–58] [*Petition of the Town Agent for the Annexation of the disputed Territory: addressed to the General Court, 1792.*]

Humbly Shew the Inhabitants of Plymouth in said State, that in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty, a Committee was appointed by an Act of the General Court to survey and lay out certain Townships within the Counties of Strafford and Grafton, the Boundaries of which had never before been ascertain'd, and, that, in laying out the Townships of Plymouth and Campton, the said Committee annexed to the said Township of Campton a Gore of Land about one mile in width at the Base and ending Pemigewasset River nearly in a Point; which Gore of Land was originally laid out and settled by the Proprietors of Plymouth—and whereas, in and by said act, it was provided that no Settler shoud be disturbed in laying out the Townships aforesaid; but that the Proprietors, under whom such Settler had bought and improved, shoud pay and satisfy the Proprietors, from whom Lands had been wrongfully taken, in other new and unimproved Lands

and whereas the Proprietors of Plymouth have since paid and satisfied the Proprietors of Campton for the Gore of Land aforesaid agreeably to the act aforesaid—We your Petitioners humbly pray that the same may be reanexed to, and incorporated with the said Town of Plymouth and subject to the Jurisdiction thereof; and that the Law of this State, enjoining Selectmen to perambulate the Lines of their respective Towns, at certain Periods therein mentioned, may be suspended in its operation, (if necessary) so far as respects the Line between the said Towns of Plymouth and Campton, 'till a Decision may be had on the Premises; and your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will ever pray for &c[a]

John Porter Agent for the Inhabitants
of Plymouth

December 17th 1792—

[See preceding document.—Ed.]

[9-59] [*Petition for Authority to send a Representative: addressed to the General Court, 1799.*]

Humbly Shew

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Plymouth in s^{d} State, that having very nearly attained to the constitutional number requisite for electing a Representative, *wish* for the privilege of electing one—as several Towns in the State, having a less number of voters than Plymouth, have obtained the like privilege on petition—

that the Town of Wentworth (lately classed with Orford, & now a remnant) hath petitioned to be classed with the Town of Rumney, for the like purpose—wherefore, your Petitioners (conceiving a propriety in the request) pray that you would take the matter under your wise consideration, & grant us said privilege—& we, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray &c

Plymouth Novr 18, 1799—

Henry Cumings	Saml Greenleaf	Wm Currier
Franis Worcester	Reuben Dearbon	Daniel Currier
Richd Bayley	Isreal Hoyt	Jacob Fellows
David Hazeltine	Wm George Junr	James Garman
Joseph Bayley	Jabez H Weld	Joseph F. Cumings
Moses Hull	Abner Willoughby	Abel Chamberlain
Jacob Merrill Ju^{r}	William Webster	Jon^{a} Robbins
John Porter	Phinehas Walker	Nathl Emerson
Thos Harriman	Currier Barnard	Ephraim Keyes
John Willoughby	John Farnum	Moses Emerson
Jonas Keyes	Moses French	Jacob Smith
Joseph Read	Samuel Stearns	Nasson West
Benj^{a} Goold	James McCluer	Winthrop Wells
Saml Emerson	Richd Bayley Ju^{r}	David Richardson
David Webster	Enoch Ward	Elisha Bean
Saml Wells	Jon^{a} Robbins Jr	Joshua Thornton
Jacob Merrill	Peter McQuestin	David Alls
John Rogers	Isaac Ward	Sargent Bartlett
Jotham Cumings Ju^{r}	Daniel Ward	John Ridout
Danl C Webster	W^{m} george	Joseph Clifford
Jon^{a} Cumings	Moses george	Simeon Blodget
Zachariah Parker	King George	Saml Morse
Giles Merrill	John Webber	Enoch Melvin
James Miller	Peter Webster	John Keyes
John Hull	Peter Dearben	Edward Senter
Jeremiah Smith	Amos Webster	Jacob Draper
Philip Wells	Edmund Webber	Jacob Draper Junr
James Harvell	Ebenezer Emerson	Gain Robertson

G W Webster	Jon[a] Emerson	Christ B Noyes
Ephr[m] Farnum	James Ryan	Asa Robbins
Stephen Bartlett	Thomas Fuller	
Joseph Cochran	Aaron Stearns	

Total 94

[In H. of Rep., December 10, 1799, the foregoing request was granted. The senate concurred.—Ed.]

PORTSMOUTH.

The township was included in the grant to Mason and Gorges of August 10, 1622, and a settlement was made the following year at a place since known as Odiorne's Point, now in Newcastle, by one David Thompson.

A grant was made in 1631 by the council of Plymouth of territory for a township on the Piscataqua river and harbor, which covered what is now Portsmouth, Newcastle, Rye, and portions of Greenland and Newington.

A settlement was made where the city now is, which went by the names of Piscataqua and Strawberry-bank until, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants thereof in May, 1753, to the government of Massachusetts, which had jurisdiction over it, it received its present name, which was deemed suitable, "it beinge the River's mouth & a good harbour."

Newcastle was set off in 1693; Greenland partially in 1704, and fully in 1721.

Portsmouth was for many years the financial and governmental centre of the province—the home of its chief magistrates and men of wealth and influence. It contains buildings, paintings, and localities of historic interest, and its inhabitants are justly proud of the wisdom and patriotism of their ancestors.

On the 27th of June, 1774, the inhabitants forced the reshipment of a cargo of tea, and of another in September following.

In 1775, notwithstanding the personal popularity of Governor Wentworth prompted the inhabitants to pass a resolution pledging their utmost endeavors to prevent any insult being offered to him, yet they were as prompt to take up

arms in behalf of liberty, as earnest in opposition to royalty, and contributed as freely of their money and blood for the establishment of independence, as the people of any locality in the colonies.

The eminent men of Portsmouth in the eighteenth century were numerous. I shall mention but one here. His speech in the legislature, which was in session at Exeter at the time of the fall of Ticonderoga, when public credit was exhausted, and the patriots nearly discouraged, ought to go down to posterity beside that of the patriotic Henry. Arising from his seat in the house of representatives, of which he was speaker, JOHN LANGDON said,—"I have one thousand dollars in hard money. I will pledge my plate for three thousand more. I have seventy hogsheads of Tobago rum, which will be sold for the most it will bring. They are at the service of the state. If we succeed in defending our firesides and our homes, I may be remunerated: if we do not, then the property will be of no value to me. Our friend Stark, who so nobly maintained the honor of our state at Bunker Hill, may safely be entrusted with the honor of the enterprise, and we will check the progress of Burgoyne." The result of this, as is well known, was the victory at Bennington, and the subsequent surrender of Burgoyne. John Langdon held many public positions in the state, and was the first presiding officer of the U. S. senate.

Portsmouth adopted a city charter in 1849, and ranks fifth in population of the cities of the state.

[R. 3–140] Portsm°: Acco^{tts} 1696

A Generall List and acco^{tt} of Sould^{r} & Wages; Imprest by Capt Redford: and Capt Langdon for his Majest^{s} Service att Dover & Oyst^{r} River from Aprill to this 13th November 1696

Who Served	Where	What Time			
		m	w	d	
Anth° Lowden	Dover	1	2	1	£1–16–10
Miles Thomas	do	1	2	1	1–16–10
John Thomas	do	6	1	0	7–10–00
Jh° Putman	do	6	3	2	8–13–08
James Rawlings	do	0	2	2	0–18–08
Luke Wells	do	6	0	4	7–07–04
John Miller	do	1	1	4	1–13–04

Thomas Whidden	Dover	6	1	3	7–12–06
Jn° Roe	do	3	3	2	4–11–08
Richd Dore	do	2	0	0	2–08–00
Wm Rackliff	do	1	0	2	1–05–08
Richd Clay	do	2	0	0	2–08–00
Richd Webber	do	1	0	0	1–04–00
John Bicford	do	1	0	0	1–04–00
Saml Hill	do	2	0	4	2–11–04
Geo : Snell	do	1	1	0	1–10–00
James Norway	do	6	1	3	7–12–06
Saml King	Oy^{r} R^{r}	1	0	0	1–04–00
Saml Weeks	do	1	0	0	1–04–00
Nathl Huggins	do	0	0	8	0–06–10
Jn° Johnson	do	2	2	2	3–01–08
Joseph Holmes	do	3	3	3	4–12–06
Saml Snell	do	1	1	0	1–10–00
Laz : Noble	do	0	0	8	0–06–10
Alex^{r} Kenistone	do	0	3	0	0–18–00
Jn° Bartlett	Dover	2	2	3	3–02–06
Richd Tree	do	6	1	0	7–10–00
Robt Bryant	do	0	3	0	0–18–00
Arnold Brick	do	0	3	0	0–18–00
Nich^{s} Walden	do	1	2	0	1–16–00
Richd Sloper	do	0	0	0	0– 4– 2
Thomas Edgerly	do	6	0	2	7–05– 8
Jn° Plaisted	do	1	0	0	1–04–00
Peter Fogg	do	1	0	0	1–04–00
Jn° Downing	do	1	0	0	1–04–00
Wm Shackford	do	1	0	0	1–04–00
Richd Davis	do	1	0	0	1–16–00
Wm Pumerie	do	1	3	2	2–03–08
Jn° Clarke	do	5	0	3	6–02–06
					£112–00–08
Hugh Banfield	do	1	10	0	1–10–00
					£113–10–08

Acco^{tt} of Sundryes to whom the Province is Indebted ; as apears to the Committy November 13 1696

To m^{r} Morse for former Touchelling Gunns and Casting 321 ^{lb} bulletts for the Sould^{rs} 1– 6–0

To Zackrie Trickey for Ferridge 0–12–0

To Damadge for Toogoods Gundeloe : due to him when Imprest to Carry over Massachusetts Sould^{rs} } 0– 0–0

To the D Sheriff for Warming the assembly and Council 8 times &c 2– 0–0

£ 4–13–0
Brought over 112–00–8

£116–13–8

Portsm° Novemb^{r} 13th 1696

Approved and Examined by

Kinsley Hall — Henry Dow — John Woodman
John Tuttle — Theodore Attkinson — Wm Redford

of the Comitty

[R. 2–37]

A List of Souldiers Names: and Time they Served att her Majesties ffourt W^{m} and Mary: at New Castle in the province of New Hampshire New England 1708.

[The following is a list of the Portsmouth men only; those from Hampton were published in Vol. XII.—Ed.]

Portsm° men: May 18 to May 31.

Tom: Berry
John Foy — Saml Snell — Daniel Condrick.

June 18 to June 28.

Jn° Cotton — James Moses — Peter Abbott
Jn° Alexander — Nathl Gerrish — Nathl Jackson
Richd Davis

June 28 to July 7.

Rodger Thomas — Jn° Hardison — Richd Waldron
Nathaniel Adams — Saml Spinney — John Cocks
Jabez Pittman

June 31 to July 14

Wm Philbrook
Jn° Johnson — Daniel Condrick — Jn° Ross

June 7 to July 17.

Wm White
Tho: Leatherby — ——— Lange — Saml Pittman
Shiper Lunt — Gideon Frye — Moses Paul

June 14 to July 28.

Matthew Nelson
Arnold break — Jn° Hinkson — John Dockham

June 17 to July 28

Sam[l] Thompson	Sam[l] Whaterhouse	Th[o] Beck
Clem[t] Hughes	Jn[o] Phickatt	Jon[a] Whiden
Joseph Miller	Tho Mathus	

June 28 to July 8

Rich[d] Waterhouse

Jn[o] Walker	Abraham Jones	Richard Davis
Sam[l] Hill	Edward Toogood	James Hobbs

June 29 to July 12

Tho : Starboard

Robert Gose	Sam[l] King	Sam[l] Davis

July 8 to July 19

Jn[o] Pope

John Preston	Richard Martin	Phillip Pike
Hugh Candfield	John Savage	Jn[o] Bly

July 12 to July 26

Christopher Kenistone

Sam[l] Noel	Sam[l] Hains	Jn[o] Fox

July 19 to July 29

Cap[t] Pickrin

Cap[t] Wincoll	Cap[t] Hull	James Gray
Henry Seward	George Pierce	Jer : Miller

July 26 to Aug[st] 9

Tom : Row	Daniel Davis	Tom : Crocker
Jn[o] Neal	Jn[o] Peverly	Jn[o] Bourn

July 29 to Aug[st] 9

M[r] Henry Slooper	Cap[t] Wybird	Charles Brown
M[r] Mead	M[r] Calfe	

Aug[st] 9 to Aug[st] 19	M[r] Booth	M[r] Door
Nath[l] Tuckerman	Watt Abbott	Benj[a] Pudington
Aug[st] 9 to 23	Tho : Pickrein	Henry Sherburne
Aug 23 to Sep[t] 6	Jude Allen	George Huntress
Jn[o] Philbrook	Sam[l] Foss	Walter Neal
Aug[st] 19 to Aug[st] 30.		Nich[s] Follett
——— Gidens	Jn[o] Mead	Jer : Libbey
Peter hall	Lazarus Homes	Ja : Moses

Aug[st] 30 to Sept 10.

Rawland Thomas	Tho : Greely	Richard Toby
Edward Wells	W[m] Cotten	Jn[o] Shackford

Sep^{t} 6 to Sept 21	Wm Furber	Jethro Furber
Saml Wheden	Ja : Leach	Joshua Beek
Sep^{t} 10 to Sep^{t} 20		
Alexander Miller	Wm Lewis	Rodger Swain
Capt Tho : Phipps	Jno Woodman	Geo : Marshall
Sep^{t} 20 to Sep^{t} 30		
Nathl Pike	Tim^{o} Davis	James Libby
Thom : Row	Alexander Hodsdon	Joseph Moses
Sep^{t} 30 to Oct^{o} 12		
Wm Cotten	Saml Clark	Wallace Knight
Oct^{o} 5 to Oct^{o} 18	Joseph Barry	Tom : Every
Oct^{o} 18 to Novr 1	Nathl Peverly	Steven berry
		Shadrach Walton Capt

[R. 3–141] [*Warning to the Militia, 1697.*]

Province of New Hamshr

To ye Capt and the rest of militia ofisers of the towne of Portsmoth

Pursuant to a warrant from Liutenant Govern^{r} John Ushir Esqr to me directed from Hampton bearing date y^{e} [L. S.] 11th of this instant Decemb^{r} you are hearby required in his majesties Name to muster ye foot Company und^{r} youre Command that they apeare on tuesday next being ye 14th instant Compleately in arms Acording to law at ten of ye Clock in ye forenoone in order to Compliance with such orders as Lt Governor John Usher has Receved from white hall bareing date ye 27th of octob^{r} last heare of faile not at youre utmost perill as you will answer ye Contrary

given und^{r} my hand and seal this 13th of Decemb^{r} 1697

Thomas Packer Lf^{t} Collon^{l}

[9–72] [*Precept for Election of Assemblymen, 1793.*]

William and Mary by ye Grace of God of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland King and Queene Deffend^{r} of ye ffaith To ye Constable of Great Island In ye town of portsm^{o} In ye Province of new Hampsher

Whereas in Persuance of a Presept from his Hon^{r} ye Left: Govern^{r} for ye Calling of ye freholders of ye Abovesaid towne to Gether for ye macking Choyse of too men for Representatives for s^{d} town there was Returned maj^{r} Elias Stileman and m^{r}

Sam[ll] Keeas; but it not Appearing by s[d] Returne that they were duly Elected by y[e] ffreholders of ye s[d] Towne or that ye ffreeholders were Duly summoned thereunto; ye sd Returne was and Is AdJudged Illegall and voyd These are therefore In there maj[tys] Names to Requier y[e] forth wth to Cause ye freeholders of ye Above s[d] towne to meeat at Strabry-Bank Meting House one Munday next att Eight of y[e] Clock In y[e] ffore noone to Elect and Chuse too fitt and discreat men of y[e] s[d] Towne (Being freeholders thereof) wth full and suficent power for them selves and y[e] Community of y[e] s[d] towne to Be Representatives to seet foarth wth In y[e] Genarall Assembly now setting att Great Island and y[e] are allso to mack y[r] Returne forthw[th] to me wth y[e] Persons Chosen

march 4th 1692/3 in y[e] ffifth yeare of there maj[tys] Reigne

Richard Joses Sherf[t]

New Hamps[r]
Portsmouth y[e] 6th of March 1692/3

According to y[e] within warrant to me directed in obedience thereunto I have Summoned the ffreeholders of this town within my precincts Accordingly they did meet at time and place appoynted & then and there they have made Choyce of Maj[r] Elias Stileman and M[r] Samuel Keise to be Representatives for the said Town—

James Booth Cunstable of great-island

[9–73] [*Return of Assemblymen, 1694.*]

To the shriff:

according to youer warrant Richard weber [Wibird] Cunstable warned a town meeting of y[e] freeholders of this towne of portsm[o] for makeing choice of three descreet men for Representatives: which was done on y[e] 29th Instant the persons freely Chosen for that end was m[r] georg Jaffrey John pickrin seen[r] & John plasteed: the Cunstable being sick desiered mee to take Care of preserving the voats (which I did) & signifie the same to you

dated 29th of october 1694

James Levitt Deb[ty] Shreift

[9–74] [*Ditto, 1695.*]

provinc of Newhampshir portsm[o] may y[e] 14th 1695—m[r] Adkison shrift this may sertefy you that by vertue of your warrant to me directed have Called A townmeeting of y[e] free holders of

the above sd town for ye Chuesing of Assemblemen: for his maj^ts^ servis: At new castle on ye fifteenth Instant: sd freeholders met & mad chois of m^r^ georg Jaffrey: m^r^ John plasteed & John pickerin sen^r^ for these Representatives to serve as above s^d^

Per John Chevallir Constable of portsm^o^

[9–75] [*Precept for Election of Assemblymen, 1697.*]

Province of Newhamp^r^

William by the Grace of God of England Scotland france & Ireland King deffender of ye faith &c^a^ To the Constable or Constables of Portsm^o^

By vertue of a Precept from the Honorable Wm Partridg Esqr Leut^o^ Gove^r^ & comand^r^ in Cheiff of the Province of newhamps^r^ to gather wth the Counsell to me directed these are to require you to give notice to the freeholders of the Towne of Portsm^o^ that they conveaine togather upon fryday the 24th day of this Instent December att twelve of the clock of the same day at the meeting hous at Portsm^o^ freely & Indifferently to Elect & Chuse three fitt & discreit men of s^d^ towne (being free holders therof) with full & sifficent power for themselves & the Comunity of s^d^ Town to be of a ginerall Assembly for s^d^ Province to be held at Portsm^o^ upon the twenty eight of this Instent December by tow of the Clock in the after noone, and the persons soe elected by the majo^t^ part of the ffreeholders to be sumoned to attend his maj^tes^ Sarvice at time & place above perfixt and to Returne the names of the persons so chosen togather with this precept to me one day at least before the Sitting of the Assembly given under my hand & seale this 17th day of December in the ninth yeare of his Maj^tis^ Raigne Anny Dom: 1697

Richard Joses Sherff

By vertue of the within written order I receivd the votes and person thatt are chosen are Cap^tn^ John Pickerin m^r^ Sam^ll^ Case & Mr John Playsted, and I have warned them to appeare next tuesday being the 28 instant att Port^mo^ by 2 a clock

by me Thomas Beck

[9–76] [*Return of Assemblymen, 1698.*]

portsm^o^ In Newhamshir desember ye 29th 1698

at A publick town meeting of ye freeholders of ye towne Legally Convened there was mad Choice of Samuell penhalloo Samuell keas & John pickerin Senr for Representatives to serve

In ye genrall Assemble held at newcastle on thirsday the fiffth day of January & s^d^ persons warned to attend there at nine of the Clock in ye fore noon on ye day affore said by mee

John Johnson Cuns^t^

[9-77] [*Relative to Dealers in Strong Drink, 1701.*]

Whereas the multiplicity of Retailers of Drink In the Town of Portsm^o^ within this Province Is Greatly Detrementall to the Publick,

Principally lying in the hands of Shopkeepers and Tradsmen who noe wayes Advantage the Publick trade and benefit of the Province

Voted That An Act be passed that noe Shopkeeper be permitted to keep A Publicke house nor Retail Any Maner of Strong Drink, And whearas Several Shopkeepers Alredy lycenced by The Qarter Sessions who have laid in Some quantity of Drink that from this Day they Shall be Allowed thre months and noe longer the 18 July 1701 to Sell what they have laid in notwithstanding Any law Custom or Usage to the Contrary

by order of the Representatives

Theodore Attkinson Clr:

10th July 1701 read at the Councill Board & past The Councill

Cha. Story Secretary

[9-78] [*Relative to Parochial Matters, 1714.*]

The Petition of Sam^ll^ Hart, Ephr^a^ Dennett, & Geo: Jeffrey, Selectmen; of Portsm^o^ Humbley Sheweth

that whereas @ a sessions of the Gen^ll^ Assembly of this Province held May 1714: It was thought Resonable Considering ye grat Increase of Inhabitants in the Town or Parish of Portsm^o^ that there should be two Ministers, to Sarve, in ye Town; one @ ye Newmeeting House, ye other at ye old, & accordingly was ordered y^t^ two hundred pounds, should be Rais'd by the whole Parish, in order to Support ye two Minis^ts^ & to be Divided Equally between them; upon Condition y^t^ the Minister @ ye Old Meeting-House be Chosen by the ffreeholders of ye Parish in a Legal Town Meeting; and whereas it was also ordered that ye New Meeting House Should be finish^d^ & the old Repaired, and a Parsonage House provided for the Minister on the South Side of ye Milldam @ ye Charge of ye Town or Parish; wch order those of ye South Side of the Milldam have Refused to Comply with: we your Petitioners humbly pray that

these mentioned acts or orders may be Repealed & become null & Void, as being grevios to ye far greater part of ye Inhabitants of this Town; or Parish: we also humbly pray that ye Complaint exhibited to His Excellency ye Govr Ag^st^ ye selectmen for ye overplus of ye Province Tak in ye year 1712 & 1713 be dismissed, for y^t^ ye acco^tts^ for Each year were produced @ ye Last Generall Town meeting, where it was unanimously Voted that they were well satisfyed; wth every article in S^d^ acco^tts^ and yor Petitioners

and Subscribe Yo^r^ Excellency's and Honours
Most Humble and Obed^it^ Serv^ts^

Geo: Jaffrey
Sam^ll^ Hart
Ephraim Dennet

Read in Councill

[9–80]

13 May 1710

Voted

That An Act be pased for A free Scool In the Town of Portsm^o^ to be paid by A Tax on the same town by order of the House of Representatives

The: Atkinson Cler: pro tem

[9–83] [*Complaint relative to Taxes, etc., 1716.*]

portsm^o^ In New hampshir

to ye honrabell ye Lef^t^ govener Councill & genrall Assembly:

the humbell petteshon of sundry of his maj^ts^ good subjects Inhabatants in portsm^o^ in behalff of themselves & sundry greved Inhabatants &c^a^

most humbly sheweth that wheare as there has bin within fouer or five years past great taxes & Rates made & Collected in this towne under culler of province & towne Charges wee beleve above too thousand pounds mony & as wee are humbly of openyan wrongfully desposed of to Say great part thereof & ye Inhabatants many of them Impresoned their Estats taken away by force for payment therof nether haveing Any account for what or how desposed of that all accounts of ye s^d^ Rates & taxes mad by s^d^ sellectmen & assesed yearley as they Say allowed by ye Comishoners Chosen by unfaire methods soe that what one projects or saith ye other Conferms & ye Inhabatants kept In Ignorance how their monys are desposed of which is A great grevance & Intollerabell burden to his maj^ts^ Loyall subjects Contray to ye usedge In Englad & ye prevelidg of Englesh men all ye s^d^ sellectmen Assesors & comeshoners chosen by

oposet partys & consequently by unfair methods so that what sum of s^d^ partys does ye Rest of s^d^ partys conferms & ye Inhabatants kept Ignorant & know not how their monys are desposed off which is a great Agrevance and untorabell burden to his maj^ts^ Loyall subjects contray to ye usidge of England & ye berth right prevclidge of engleshmen wee therefore humbly pray that ye severell Select men for ye severall years as afore said & for ye time being be ordered that A yearly fair account of the taxes [illegible] : how much taxed how payed to whom & for what in the town buck in ye Clarks hands that he enter ye same so that evry Inhabatant may Iff he pleas or sees Caus take Copys thereof which will be great Justis & faver to ye greved party : so prays youer honers most humbell subscribers in behalff of themselves & ye agreved partys

dated aprill ye 5th 1716

John pickerin
James Levitt
Geo : walker
Wm Cotton
John Abbott
Wm Cotton 3
Solomon Cotton

[R. 3–142] [*Peter Greeley, relative to his Servant, 1721.*]

To the Honble Jno Wentworth Esqr Lt Govr and Command^r^ in Chief in & over His Maj^ties^ Prov^e^ of New Hamp^r^ and the Honble the Council & Representatives now setting in General Assembly

The Humble Petition of Peter Greely of Portsm^o^ in the Prov : of New Hamps^r^ afores^d^—Cordwainer—Most Humbly Sheweth—

That yor Petitioner about Eight months Since Bought an Irish man Servant named Gilbert Ashe, for whom I gave Thirteen pounds, and have been at Some Charge to Cloath him, he was Some time Since Imprest, but upon my aplication to Capt Saml Hart, I gott him Released Since which he hath been to the afores^d^ Capt Hart and Inlisted himself a Volunteer to go as a Soldier to the Eastward, which will be much to my Prejudice if not Releeve'd by yor Hon^rs^, and Incouragement to others to do the Like wch will have an Evill Tendency—Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays that yor Hon^rs^ will be pleased to take the matter into Consideration, and order the afores^d^ Servant to be Dismist and yor Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever pray

Portm^o^ oct 5th 1721 Peter Grele

In ye House of Representatives Read and ye Prayer of ye Petition is Granted

Danl Greenough Clerk Ass:

[9–61] [*Act relative to Salaries of Ministers, 1720.*]

An Act for the Settlement of the Parishes of the Town of Portsmouth.

Loc
Pro: Sig

Be it Enacted by His Honour the Lieu^t^ Governour Council and House of Represen, that the Salaries for the Several Ministers of each Parish in Portsmouth for defraying the charges thereof, be annually raised according to vote of the General Assembly of the eighth of October 1717, and as is therein provided—

(vizt)

That the Salarie for the Reverend Mr. Rogers be rais'd by an Annual tax upon all the Inhabitants of the Town in Equal proportion, except Greenland and Newington, Except also Such as Shall be the hearers and Subscribers to Mr. Emerson, who are hereby obliged to give in their names to the Select men of the Town, at or before the twentieth of November next, and that three Persons be chosen annually being freeholders belonging to the Bank, by that part of the Town, to lay Said tax on the Inhabitants that belong to the new Meeting House, and that three Persons be also chosen on the South Side of the Mill Dam annually, by and Amongst themselves, to tax the Subscribers to Mr Emerson, and Such taxes laid & Signed by Each of the three Persons that Shall be Chosen, or the Major part of them, together with a Justice of Peace, Shall be Committed to the Constable of Each part of the Town, who are hereby directed & impower'd to Collect the Same, and pay it in According to their warrant, to the Said three men for the Support of the Ministry, and in case of failure to be dealt with as the law directs for not collecting other Town rates, and also that the present Assembly Shall chuse three men for the Bank, and three men for the South Side of the Mill Dam to lay the Tax for the first year, [torn] will and the twenty fifth of March next, and all Persons concern'd are hereby obliged to pay his or there several tax to the Constable appointed to collect the same, on the penalty as in case of non-paying other rates as provided, and that all Persons who shall hereafter Settle in the Town, Shall within one Month after their Settlement give in their names to the Select men for the time being, to which part of the Town they will joyn themselves.

And for the Continuance of Peace in S^{d} Town, Be it further Enacted, That it Shall not be in the power of the Town of Portsmouth at any Town meeting to make any Vote or order to the Contrary of the Vote aforesaid, and that all affairs relating to Either Parish or Meeting House Shall be transacted and order'd by Each Parish at their Parish Meetings respectivly, any Law Usage or custom to the Contrary notwithstanding

May 27th 1720

Read three times in the House and Pass'd in the House—
Josh Peirce Speak^{r}

Read three times and Pass'd at the Board
Richard Waldron Cler : Cou

I Assent to the Enacting this Bill
J. Wentworth

True Copy
Per Richd Waldron Sec^{ry}

[9-60] [*Relative to Parochial Matters, 1723.*]

An Act in addition to the Act, Entituled an Act for the Settlement of the Parishes of the Town of Portsm^{o}

Loc : Pro : Sig

Whereas an Act was made and pass'd by the General Court or Assembly on the twenty seventh day of May 1720

Entitled,

An Act for the Settlement of the Parishes of the Town of Portsmouth—

Wherein among other things it was enacted that the Salaries for the several Ministers of each Parish in Portsmouth, for defraying the charge thereof, should be annually raised according to vote of the General Assembly of the eighth of October 1717, (vizt,)

That the Salary for the Reverend Mr Rogers, be raised by an Annual tax upon the Inhabitants of the Town in equal proportion, except Greenland & Newington, except also all Such as shall be hearers and Subscribers to Mr Emerson, who are hereby obliged to give in their names to the Select men of the town, at or before the twentieth of November next; and that three Persons be chosen annually being freeholders, belonging to the Bank, by that part of the Town, to lay Said tax on the Inhabitants that belong to the New Meeting House &c^{a}—But

since the demise of the aforesaid Mr Rogers, (there being no mention made of his Successor or Successors in the office of the Ministry in the aforesaid Act) that part of the Town have no power, by virtue of the aforesaid Act to lay any tax upon the Inhabitants as heretofore, for the Support of a Gospel Minister or Ministers.—

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Lieu^{t} Governour, Council and representatives, conven'd in General Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Inhabitants of that part of the Town commonly call'd the Bank, be hereby impower'd to chuse three Persons, conformable to the aforesaid Act, to Levy a tax on the Inhabitants belonging to the New Meeting House for the Support of their Minister or Ministers from time to time and that the same be levyed as is Express'd in the aforesaid Act—And that the Inhabitants of that part of the Town commonly call'd the Mill Dam Parish (upon the death or demise of the Reverend Mr Emerson) be also alike impower'd to do the same any law Usage or custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.—

[The foregoing act was passed Dec. 13, 1723.—Ed.]

[9–84] [*Vote of First Parish, 1728.*]

Portsm^{o} In N-Hampsh^{r}

Att a Publick meeting of ye first Parish In Portsm^{o} afores^{d} Duly Notify^{d} 4th of March 1727/8

Vot^{d} y^{t} all ye Poles & Estates on ye Westerly & S-Westerly Side of ye Road from Newington to Islington & from thence to ye Easterly Corner of ye Land y^{t} Joshua Bruster Bought of Coll: Westbrook & from thence along by Capt Banfills till it Comes to Coll: Westbrooks Land on ye South Easterly side said Road & from thence Down Sagamores Creek so as to Leave all Coll: Westbrooks Land on ye Westerly or S-Westerly side of s^{d} line be hereby Absolutely freed & Exonerat^{d} from any tax or Charge towards ye Support of ye Gospell Ministry or any Parish Charge at ye Bank for ye future Provid^{d} they have frequent Preaching more for Accommodation then at ye Bank ye Parish Reserveing ye Gleeb at ye Meadow to ye Parish use as heretofore—this Vote is not to be Construd to Extend to set of any on ye Westerly Side of ye Line afores^{d} but such as have or Shal Desire it—

Henry Sherburn Mod^{r}

the above is a true Copy from ye 3^{d} Book of Records for Portsm^{o} foll: 66: Exam^{d} this 20th of feb^{ry} 1732/3—

Per Josh: Peirce Town Cle^{r}

[9–87] [*Relative to a Bridge over the Mill-Dam, 1732.*]

Prov^e of New Hamp^r

At a General Town Meeting held in Portsm^o at the new meeting House march 25th 1732

Vot^d That Thomas Pickering be Paid five pounds per annum for and Dureing his Natural Life out of the Town Stock and his Town & Province Rates abated Dureing Said Term Provided & upon Condition that the Said Thos Pickering make keep & maintain a Suffecient Bridge over the mill Dam well Railed in Dureing his Life & that an agrement be made Signed & Sealed by & between the Select men and the Said Pickering & that Fifteen Pounds be Raised by the Town & paid Said Pickering this Present year for and in full for the first Three Years & to be paid no more till the Year 1735—

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Thos Phipps. moderator

A True Copy

att: H Wentworth, Town Cle^r

[9–88] [*South Parish Petition: addressed to the General Court, 1737.*]

The Petition of the South Parish in the Town of Portsmouth in the Province aforesaid Humbly Sheweth

That when the meeting House at the North End of the Town was first Erected, a Number of Persons among us, (tho' they had been taxed to the Charge of building that House,) thinking it might be for the Interest of Religion, for the Good of themselves, & of their Posterity, for the Public worship of God to be continued In the Same place, where it had been formerly carried on, determined to be at the Expence Necessary for that End.

That in this affair we met with much difficulty, and among other things which conspired to Enhance the Charge, a Law was Enacted, which is Still in force, (tho' not Printed & So unknown to most People,) by Virtue whereof all Strangers that come to Settle in the Town, & Young men, as they Arrive at full Age, that do not within the Space of three months, present themselves to the Select-men of the Town & make a Declaration that they Will join with this Parish, are Deem'd as belonging to the other, & obig'd to pay to the Support of the Ministry there; whereby this Parish has been Prejudiced & the growth thereof very much Retarded.—

That when our Old meeting house was So far decayed as to be past Repair, & we thereby necessitated to build another, tho' we had no return from our neighbours of the assistance we had formerly afforded them, yet (with difficulty) we Accomplished the Same, and Sundry Persons that could not be So well accommodated with Seats for themselves & Families in the North meeting house, as with us, being Dispos'd to join us, are notwithstanding obliged to pay to the other Parish Charges tho' they attend the Public worship with us.

That the afores[d] Law is So calculated as lays an unequal burden on this Parish, & has an Immediate tendency to Oppress them, & Create disturbances and Law Suits between the People of the Town—

Your Petitioners therefore Humbly Pray this Hon[ble] Court, to take the Premisses under your Consideration to repeal the afores[d] Law, & give Liberty to the People to attend the Public worship at either of the Said Meeting Houses as they Shall See fit, & to pay where they do So attend, or pass Some other Act which Shall Set the Parishes on an Equal foot, or Provide Such other Remedy as you in Your Great Wisdom & Goodness Shall think proper—

And your Petition[rs] as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c—

John Sherburne
Samull Tapley
John Hooper
Elias Tarlton
Stephen Lang
James Sherburn
John his × mark Lang
John Cotton
David Cate
Joseph Lang
Peter Shore
Samuel Lang
Jeremiah Larey
Jeffery Jackson
Caleb Beck
Jona Partridge
John Brown
Robart Lang
Johems Barnes
John Deverson
John preston
James abbott
Zach Leach

John Peirce
Thomas Hart
Jn° Frost
J Harrison
W[m] Hooker
Richad Evans
Henry Beck
Thomas Cotton
Joshua Cate
Nath[ll] Lang Junr
John Jones
James Jones
William White
Richard Shortridg
Nathaniel Lang
John Jackson
John Will
Peter Mathes
Samuel mills
Samuel Beck
John Savage
I Rindge
Mark Langdon
Matthew Livermore

Sam[l] Sherburne
Daniel Moulton
Mark Hunking
D Peirce
Josh[a] Peirce Jun[r]
Nath[l] Peirce
James Clarkson
Evans Drun
William Partridge
Edmon Weaber
John feackit
John Bickfoord
Jethro furbur
thomas Pickrin
David Horney
Timothy Davis
Tho Beck
Damans Jose
Benjaman lewes
John mills
Ichabod Clark
John Noble
Benj[n] Dockem
John Bush

Jeremiah Homes	Jethro ffurbur	George hunttess
Thomas Lang	Bem^{m} Levsey	Stephen Noble
Samuel Lang	Wm Cotton	Henry Bickford
Daniel Jackson jun^{r}	Geo : walker	SamL Lear
George Marshall	Sam^{ll} Banfiell	Thomas Bickford
Obadiah Marshall	Thomas Wright	Jonathan Low
Sam^{ll} marshall	George Walton	
Samll waters	Step^{n} Greenleaf	

[The matter was several times before the legislature, and in the H. of Rep., August 18, 1737, "Voted that the parties be heard on the Petition as soon as possible." The senate concurred.—Ed.]

[9–65] [*Answer of Committee of the First Parish, 1737.*]

A Petition being preferred at the last Sessions of generall assembly, by Sundry Persons of the Town of Portsmouth in the Province aforesaid. desiring ye repeal of a certain Law, heretofore made for settling ye Parishes in said Town &c and an order being made upon hearing ye Said Petition, on ye 30th of March last past, greatly to the detriment of ye first Parish in s^{d} Town ; and where as the S^{d} Petition contains Sundry things, which we take to be gross Misrepresentations, not only of the S^{d} first Parish, but of ye Conduct of ye Goverment at the Time when ye Law complained of was made. We therefore humbly beg leave to answer the S^{d} Petition in its Severall particulars.—In the first and third Paragraphs of the Petition, it is Suggested that the S^{d} first Parish was guilty of great Injustice, in taxing them to the building the North-Meeting-House in the Town afores^{d} & not repaying them when they built theirs : in answer to which we say, that, at ye Time when the North-Meeting-House was built, there was no Distinction of Parishes in the Town, as there is now ; That it was built by Vote of ye Majority of the Town, present, & voting at a meeting called for that purpose ; and that being the only Rule in such Cases, it was no ways unjust for them to be taxed towards building the S^{d} North-Meeting-House, any more than towards building a School House, or any other Town-Charge ; and inasmuch as the House was large enough for the whole Town at that Time ; if they, for their own Conveniency or any other Reason, had a mind to build one, or ten Houses for publick Worship, it was but reasonable that they Should do it at their own Expence : But However just it might be, yet the first Parish did not insist upon their Right, but, having taxed them, (as we Suppose) with Expectation that they would attend ye publick worship at the then New-Meeting-House ; when they found that that was not

agreable to them, the S^d first Parish left them more in value than they had taxed them, towards building the North-Meeting-House. The Rates of ye South part of the Town for ye years 1709 1710. & 1711 were at a Medium £81.00 per an. nearest Those of ye North Part £213.0,0 In the year 1712 when the first Rate for building the North-Meeting-House was made, the Rate of the North Part of the Town was £511.6.0, that of ye South Part was £157.6.0. In the year 1713 The Rate of ye North Part was £547, 18. 0. That of the South Part £87.2.0 And in the Year 1714, the whole Town-Rate was not £200. So that they paid only one Rate towards building the North-Meeting-House, viz in the year 1712, & that was but £76. 6. 0. more than they had paid at a medium for three years before. In Return for this, the first Parish left them, the Old-Meeting-House, which Served for a place of publick worship about Twenty years, & was then sold for about £60—and the Bell which we Suppose could not be bought under £15—0. 0 Sterling. Besides this there are Severall pews in the North-Meeting-House, now held in the right of those, that paid part of the S^d £76. 6. 0, So that the Privelidges held in the North Meeting House by Some of them, & what the first Parish left them, was certainly much more in Value than what they recieved by the Tax afore mentioned.—As to the Law complained of, the first Article is, that it is not printed, & so unknown to most of them. As to its not being printed, we Suppose it to be ye Case of many of the Laws of this Province, & indeed of most private Laws; But as to its being unknown (if really so) it must be Supposed to be the fault of those, who from Time to Time have had the Care of their Parish Affairs; a Copy being at any Time demandable of the Secretary, by which they might as easily have informed all Persons concerned therewith as if it had been printed. As to the Law it self, we take it to be in the room of a Dividing line, (which without manifest injustice was at that Time impracticable) but with this advantageous difference, that it left every man to his Liberty, which dividing Lines between Parishes do not always do. As to the Time given for any Person to Signify his intention to belong to ye South Parish, viz three months, we Suppose it to be, because any Person that has been So long an Inhabitant is then rateable, & if so, it must be esteemed the most Suitable Time. As to that part of the Law, that deems all to belong to the first Parish, unless they expressly declare their intention, within the Time limited, to belong to the other, we Suppose it to be according to the constant Rule in Such Cases. Those who do not expressly dissent, are reckoned with the Majority. To this it may be added that the form of the Law was Such as was agreable, to the Principal, if not to all of that Parish, that had the Care of that Affair in the Time

when the Law was made. In the third Paragraph of the Petition, it is represented as a hardship occasioned by the aforesaid Law, that Sundry Persons who could be better accommodated with Seats, for them Selves & family, with them, Since they have built their New-Meeting-House, than with ye first Parish, are yet obliged to pay to the S^d^ first Parish: In answer to which we acknowledge, that, their New-Meeting-House being built much nearer, the North-meeting-House, than their former House was, without Doubt many may be better accommodated there than in the North-Meeting-House, that being always Supposed to be a great part of their Design in building it in the place where it now Stands: But we humbly presume it will by no means follow, that because a man can be better accommodated in another Parish than in his own, he Shall therefore be excused from paying to that he first belonged to, unless they are willing to release him: For if this Should be laid down for a rule, what would become of ye Contract between a minister & his People? If one man for the Conveniency of a Seat, may withdraw, they all might, for that or any other reason, & it may be Supposed that there are many much more weighty than the conveniency of a Seat. The First Parish is now under Contract, & as to all concerned in the making that Contract, without Doubt they are obliged to fulfill it, & as to those that have come into the Parish Since, we Suppose that by their so doing, they become Partners to the Said Contract, & have no just Pretence to be excused from paying their Proportion to it, unless they can induce the Parish to Consent Thereto: However, we make no Doubt, but that the First Parish would, upon proper application made to them, have released all those that had Pews in ye Second Parish House, & none in the First; as they have Severall already upon their requesting it, alltho' the Second Parish Still tax Some, who constantly attend at the First Parish-House. And here it may not be improper to mention, that the first Parish are so far from being disposed to oppress the other, (were it in their power) that they are always ready to do them any act of kindness, that can be reasonably desired; one Instance whereof they have lately given, in voting their right in a Piece of land in the Town, to the minister of that Parish during his continuance in the ministry with them. Towards the Close of ye Petition the Law is represented as laying an unequall Burthen & as to which we Say, that it is unequall, only in that Sense wherein the Majority in any community ought always to have the preference, that it has no tendency to oppress any, nor to create Disturbances & Lawsuits between the People of the Town, (as is Suggested) unless they will Suppose some Persons to be so unreasonable, as to quarrel with others for their own Carelessness, or because they have changed their

minds. The last Paragraph of ye Petition contains an intimation that Some Persons in the S^d^ Town of Portsmouth, are denied the Liberty of attending the Publick worship where they See fit, & of Supporting a minister to carry it on, the contrary, to which is So notorious, that we cant but Suppose it, to be Some mistake in writing the Petition; We humbly therefore pray, that the order aforementioned may be repealed, & the Petition dismissed; & in as much as we have been put to considerable charge by the Petitioners, we farther pray for liberty to bring in a Bill of Cost against them, as we understand is usuall elsewhere in the like Cases

Tho Peirce
John Pray
Nath^ll^ Rogers
} Com^ttee^ of ye First Parish in Portm^o^

[In H. of Rep., July 20, 1737, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[9–66] [*Statement relative to Parish Matters, 1737.*]

Gentlemen

The General Assembly of this Province at theire late Sessions at Hamptown upon hearing a Petition of the South Parish in Portsmouth Ordered that the said Petition lay for farther Consideration Until the Third Day of the Next Sessions & in the Mean time that those persons who have been Claimed by both Parishes and were rated at both the last year Shall not be rated by the Wardens of Either of the Parishes this Year but by the Select men &c And in the Mean time recomended the Whole Affair to be Ended by an Agreement of Said parties

Whereupon we the Church Warden's of the South Parish Afores^d^ for and in behalfe of the same do Assure You y^t^ Nothing Shall be wanting on Our part to Comply with so reasonable a Motion.

We cannot but think Considering we were originally of the Same Society And never sought A Separation but would gladly have avoided it, as far as we judged it consistant with the Spiritual Interests of us & our Children And Seeing we are at present Intermixed one Among Another as to the places of our Abode that in reason & from that temper which Christians are directed to Express one towards Another We might Expect A Share in the Benifits of the Glebe. But not to insist on this at present Any otherwise then as Your having all Along Enjoyed this and a great many other Advantages we think Should induce You to grant us our Small And reasonable Demands

And when we Petitioned that we might be Set upon an Equal foot with your Parish which we Understand has been censured by Some as a piece of unpardonable Ambition. we had no such Aspireing thought as imediately to bring ourselves to consist of Equal numbers of the persons of the same Superiour quality. But all that we meant was that we might be upon an Equal foot, as to Any Countenance or Law of the Government—And we know of no Just Claim, that one Parish Can have on this Account of Any preheminence or Advantage over Another And as for the Law that is Subsisting that Declares that all Young Men that are of age & all Strangers that do not give in there Names w^th^in Six Weeks to which of the Parishes they will belong. Shall be reckoned as belonging to Yours A great many by Vertue of this Law have been without theire knowledge included Among You so far as to be obliged to pay to the Support of the Publick Worship, with You tho they have Generaly atended with us Now what we propose is

1st That the persons before mentioned And all others who Constantly Attend upon the Publick worship with us that at present are rated with You be released & have the liberty of being Taxed to us. We at the same time being ready to Quit all Such persons as pay here who Constantly Attend the Publick worship with You—

2dly That all Such as have been at Considerable Charge to Acommadate themselves with Seats in our Meeting House that have no interest in Any Pew or Pews in Yours May have the liberty of paying only to us conceiveing that there being Obliged to pay to Each Can have no other tendancy in time but to Drive them from us both.—

3dly That all Young men in town that are lately Arrived to the Age of 21 Years & all Such as Shall hereafter be of full Age & become Rateable by Law with all Strangers that are now in Town or Shall hereafter Come to town & become rateable by Law That have not as yet paid rates to Either of the Parishes as they have the liberty of Chooseing in which they will Attend upon the Publick worship So they may have the liberty of paying wheresoever they See meet to Attend.—

These things we imagine will Conduce to our Mutual Harmony which we are very Desireous to promote, And think it our Common interest to do it. We are Sure that the granting of them will be but A doing to others as You would in alike Case that others Should do to You And in the Exercise of a Christian Spirit cannot be refused, But if they are denyed us by the Parish And the Government does not See meet to give us Redress we must wait with patience not doubting but that Providence which ordinary returnes upon Men the Severitys

they Exercise upon Others will in time give us an Opportunity of Relief—

Portsmouth Octo^{r} 3^{d} 1737

Gentlemen Yours at all Respective Obed^{ce}

To the Church Wardens of the North Parish
In Portsmouth

[9-68] [*First Parish Rates, 1737.*]

A List of Sundry persons to be Rated by the Select Men for this Present Year 1737 according to an order made by the General Court at Their Session at hampton

	£	S	D
Capt mark Hunking	1	4	
mark Langdon	2	0	
Francis Gammon	0	12	0
John Griffeth	1	2	0
John Peirce	0	12	0
Samuel Waters	1	0	
Capt John Cate	1	0	
Capt Phillip Reed	1	5	
Josiah moses	1	15	
Henry Terrel	0	8	
matthew Livermore	1	10	
Capt Saml Cutt	1	0	
Ebenezer Odiorne	0	12	
Daniel Peirce	0	15	
John Willy	0	7	
Saml Lang Tailor	0	7	
Peter Cow	0	9	
John Ficket	0	7	

The above is a true Copy from the List of Rates for The first Parrish in Portsmouth in the year 1736—

Portsm^{o} Novemb^{r} 23^{d} 1737

Thos Peirce
John Pray } Wardens
Nath^{ll} Rogers

A Copy Examined per

Sam^{ll} Hart
Wm Parker
Joseph Langdon

[9-69] [*List of Rates, 1737.*]

To the General Select Men of the Town of Portsmouth

A List of names to be Rated by the Select men of the Town of Portsmouth agreeable to an order of the General Court at their Sessions at Hampton Falls in August 1737—

	£ S D
Capt Mark Hunking	1—15—0
Mark Langdon & Saml Waters	2— 0—0
Francis Gammon	0—15—
John Griffeth	0—17—6
George Marshall & Brothers	1—15—
John Peirce	1—15—
Capt John Cate	1—15—
Henry Terril	0—15—
matthew Livermore Esqr	1— 0—
Capt Ebenezer Odiorne	0—12—
Daniel Peirce	1— 0—
Peter Cow	0—12—
Josiah Moses	1— 0—
John Willey	0—10—

The above List with the Sums Annexed to their names Is a true Copy taken from the Book of the South Parish in Portsmouth According as they were Rated in the year 1736

Novemb^{r} 22^{d} 1737—

Geo : Walker
I Rindge
James Clarkson } Church Wardens

A true Copy Examined per

Sam^{ll} Hart
Wm Parker
Joseph Langdon } Selectmen

[9-89] [*Action of the Legislature on the foregoing, 1738.*]

In the House of Representatives—

The Petitioners in the Annex'd Petition : and the delegates of the North Parish of Portsmouth was heard by their Council,

The House having considered thereof, voted,

That all the Inhabitants belonging to both Parrishes that hath been rated to their respective Parrishes shall continue to pay as usual, Except those which have been rated to both, all those to have one month (if in Town) or after coming into to Town, to

give in their names to the Church Wardens of both Parrishes declaring to which parrish they will belong, and then all persons now Inhabiting in the Town to pay for their Poles & Estates to where they belong (Except those that have Pews or Seats in both Meeting-Houses they to pay to Each Parrish according to their interest in Each)

And for young men, or Servants that shall hereafter Settle upon the Estates of their fathers & masters shall pay their rates to the same parish that the person did on whose Estate they dwelt, And for such young men that come of Age that do not settle on the Estates of their fathers or masters, as aforesaid, and all Strangers that may Come into Town shall have the libberty of three months to Enter their names with the Church Wardens of both parishes with a declaration to which parrish they will pay their rates to and they when so Entred shall continue there, and if any person coming of age, or into the Town as aforesaid shall neglect to enter their Names in the Manner before directed, then they shall be liable to pay to each parrish 'till such time as they do enter their names and this to be a final Settlement any Law usage or Custome to the contrary notwithstanding, and that the Petitioners have liberty to bring in a Bill accordingly, and the money lodged in the hands of the Selectmen, of the Town of Portsmouth, collected by order of Goverm^{t} from the Persons rated, by both Parrishes be paid, one halfe to the Church Wardens of the North parish, the other halfe to the Church Wardens of the South parish, for the use of the Parrishes.

9^{r} 15th 1738 James Jeffry Cle^{r} Ass^{m}

[9-90] [*Petition of sundry Inhabitants for the Grant of a Township: addressed to Gov. Belcher and Council*]

The Petition of Sundry of his Majestys subjects, mostly Inhabitants in the Province of New Hampshire humbly sheweth

That if there were more Inhabitants on the Frontiers of the Province and more land cultivated and Improved the Province would be better able to defend it self, if there should be a war with the Indians, the public Taxes would be easier and Provisions more plenty and cheaper—

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Excellency and the Honorable the Council to make a Grant in fee of that tract of Land lying within the Province of New Hampshire comprehended and contained with in the following Bounds, vizt begining at the south easterly Corner of Barnstead and from thence to run upon the same Course as Barnstead easterly side line runs to Winnipisseokee Pond from thence upon a Right

Angle till it comes to the Boundary Line between the Province of New Hampshire and that which was formerly called the Province of Main, from thence as the said Boundary Line runneth to the Northeasterly Corner of the Town of Rochester from thence on a Streight Line to the bounds first mentioned with such conditions as to your Excellency and Honours shall seem meet unto your Petitioners and their Associates in all to make the Number of Sixty including your petitioners and your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c &c &c

William Parker	George Rogers	John Wood
Benj[a] Walton	Tho[s] Newmarch	Matthew Livermore
Thomas Wright	John Kennard	W[m] Frost N Castle
Nath[ll] Rogers	Henry Sherbon Jun[r] of the Plains	Benj[a] miller
Tho Peirce	John Dennet the Son of Eph[m] Dennet Esq[r]	Danel Moulton
Joseph moulton	Moses Dennet	Benj[a] Gambling
John Ayers	Joseph Langdon	John Pray
John Cutt	Sam[ll] white	Sol[n] Pike
Solomon Cotton	George Pierce	Sam[ll] Hart
Dan[ll] Jackson jun[r]	Joseph Jackson	Mech[a] Whidden
Sam[l] Sherburne Jun[r]	Moses Noble	John Fellows
Hen Sherburne Jun[r]	Joseph Whipple	Thom[s] Westbrook
William King	John Ross	Dannell Rogers
John Sherburn of litell harbor	Cha : Frost of N Castle	Samuell Sherburne Inholder
Joseph Sherburn son of Joseph Sherburn Eqr	John Shackford ju[r]	Elliot Vaughan
Nath[ll] Mendum		Peter Greley
		Ichabod Plaisted
		Eleazer Russell

[9–92] [*Relative to some French Prisoners, 1745.*]

The petetion of Fran[s] Tucker of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hamp[re] Prison keeper Most Humbly Sueth that on the 31st of August their was Committed to his Care by the High Sheriff of said Province by his Excellencys order fourteen French Prisoners and that two of them lay Sick Twelve Days which Required Considerable Trouble and no Supply has been made therefore your petitioner prays your Excellency and Honours would take the Case of your petetioner under Consideration and make him such Allowance as may be judged reasonable and your petetioner as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c

Fran[s] Tucker Pris[n] Kep[r]

[R. 3–143] [*Benjamin Thomas, Louisbourg Soldier: addressed to the General Assembly, Nov. 20, 1745.*]

The Petition & Memorial of Benjamin Thomas of Portsmouth in said Province most humbly Shews—That your Petitioner was one of the Volunteers in the pay of this Province at the Reduction of Louisbourg—that your Petitioner at the attacking of St Peters some time in the month of April last past received a wound in his left arm by a small shot whereby he hath not only suffered great pain lost his time and been at much expence but also has lost the use of that arm and hath grounds and reasons to think he cannot recover the use thereof. * * *

Benj[a] Thomas

[He asked for an allowance, which was granted.—Ed.]

[R. 3–145] [*Petition of the Wife of Col. Moore: addressed to the General Assembly, 1745.*]

The Petition of Mary Moore the wife of & attorney to Samuel Moore of Portsmouth in said Province Esq[r] and who now is at Louisbourg in the service of his King and Country—Most humbly Shews—That the said Sam[l] Moore hath advanced considerable sums for the Benefit and advantage of the Soldiers at Louisbourg under his Command.

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Sep[r] 27th 1745 Mary Moore

[She further stated that her husband had drawn on her for £1,100, old tenor, which she wanted the province to help pay.—Ed.]

[R. 3–146] [*Dr. Joseph Peirce, Louisbourg: addressed to the General Court, May, 1746.*]

The Memorial of Joseph Peirce of Portsm[o] in the Province afores[d] Esq ; Humbly Sheweth—

That on y[e] 16th of March 1744 the Hon[ble] Committee appointed in this Province to Manage the affairs of y[e] Expedition lately form'd against Cape Briton under the Conduct of Lieut General Pepperell, Did Influence & agree with yo[r] Memorialist to go on s[d] Expedition to take the care of such of the Soldiers in the pay of the Province of N. Hamp[r] as might be Sick or

wouned, And did promise to pay yor Memorialist the Sum of twenty pounds per month for s^d^ service, and to accept and pay such draughts as he should make for the Nessisary Supply of ye Medicine Chest for the use of ye afores^d^ Sick & wounded.

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Jos^h^ Peirce

[He further stated that he was in the service eleven months and twenty days, arriving home Feb. 6, 1745; that his account for service and medicines amounted to £245, 5, 4, of which £80 had been paid to him by the committee. In H. of Rep., July 31, 1746, "Voted That ye Ballance this account of Doc^r^ Joseph Peirce Esqr amounting to £165, 5, 4, be allowed & paid out of ye money in ye Treasury for ye use of ye Expedition against Louisbourg, that it be in full for his services as Chirurgeon-general to ye New Hampshire Regiment including ye 150 men in Pay of ye Prov^e^ of ye Massachusetts Bay & that ye Treasurer charge ye Massachusetts with their proportion of this & ye other Doctor's Bills." Council concurred.—Ed.]

[R. 3–148] [*Louisbourg Soldiers.*]

[In a petition dated Portsmouth, Aug. 11, 1746, Israel Hodgdon stated that he was "a Soldier in the Company of which William Cleaward was Captain in the New Hampshire Regiment at Louisbourg," that he was sick and wanted an allowance, which was granted to the extent of £2, 10, 0. —Ed.]

[R. 3–149] ["Spencer Colby of Portsmouth," in a petition dated May 12, 1747, stated that he "was Shipt a Mariner on Board the Sloop Abigail under the Command of Capt John Furnald in the Late Expedition against Louisbourg & performed the duty of a Mariner the whole time of the Siege & afterward Saving only when he was Sent on Shoar to perform the duty of a Gunner in one of the Batteries." He stated that he was allowed no more than the soldiers, and "yet in dividing the plunder among them he was Excluded under the Notion of & as being a Mariner and not Intitled to a Share of the Plunder belonging to the Soldiers." He asked to be allowed mariner's wages.—Ed.]

[9–93] [*Relative to the Establishment of a Workhouse: addressed to the General Assembly, Dec. 1, 1752.*]

The Memorial of Thomas Wallingford Daniel Peirce and William Parker Esq^{rs} Humbly Shews

That a Society of Gentlemen Considering the Great Advantage which a Work House Well Accommodated with Apartments and other Conveniences and a Competent Stock for Employing the poor and such as might be properly placed there, would be, both to the persons so Employed as well as to the public, projected a Scheme some time since to raise Money to be Applied towards the Building such an House within and for the Town of Portsm^{o}

That they have Carried their Scheme into Execution so far as to have raised about Eleven Hundred Pounds old tenor for that purpose and were about to Consult Measures for the Application when it was suggested that such a Design might be more Generally useful if the House was Accommodated for the use of the Province and all such persons (as afors^{d}) were to be received from every Town and there Employed: who under proper care and regulation woud in a Little time instead of being a Charge, become Serviceable—that such a House would be better for the whole, than to have one in every Town, as all the Valuable Ends of it would be more easily as well as more effectually attained than those of a More private kind—as also that it might be of Service to such places as were in no Condition to undertake any thing of the kind—

That your Memorialists were Chosen & Instructed by the said Society to make a Representation of the premises to the General Assembly, and that the money afores^{d} in Case they undertake the Building of such an House for the use of the province and put the same under proper Regulations shall be applied to the Same use under their Direction all which is Humbly Submitted, Your Memorialists only praying the Resolution of the General Assembly hereon that they may Report to the said Society & they Consider what is further to be Done by them—

Thos Wallingford
D Peirce
Wm Parker

[In H. of Rep., April 17, 1754, a committee was appointed to take the matter into consideration.—Ed.]

[9–94] [*Road through John Pickering's Land, 1651.*]

Prov: of New Hamp^{r}

At a meeting held at Portsmouth by the Town July 7th 1651—

It is agreed on at the Town meeting that whereas there hath been a foot path useally made Viz^{t} over John Pickerings ground from over his Dam and from thence along by the mill path unto his next path and so nearest as Convenient way towards the present meeting House to be Continued for the more Ease of the Inhabitants and others as shall have Occation to travel that way at all time and times hereafter without Leave of the said John Pickering or Any man Elce to be Continued for Ever—

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att^{t} H Wentworth Town Cle^{r}

[9–95 is a plan of the division of George Jaffrey's estate.—Ed.]

[R. 3–150] [Petition of Samuel Penhallow for pay for his services as commissary to the expedition against Canada. He says he was in the service from July 15, 1746, until Oct. 31, 1747, and that his pay amounted to £169. In H. of Rep., May 18, 1748, "Voted That there be allowed £30 more to Mr Samuel Penhallow in full for his wages as Commissary for ye intended Expedition against Canada."—Ed.]

[R. 3–153] [*William Rackliff's Petition: addressed to the General Assembly, April 10, 1759.*]

The Petition of William Rackliff of Portsmouth Labourer Most Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioner was a Soldier in the Canada Expedition in the year 1757 in the service of the Province aforesaid, in the Company whereof Hercules Mooney was Captain and as such proceeded to fort William Henry where after the Seige he was taken and made a prisoner by the Enemy and Carried to Canada where he remained four months during which time he had the Small Pox and from thence he was Transported to France where he remained for eleaven months and in that time had a Violent Fever and from there he was sent to Falmouth in England where he took passage for New York in the packet & traveled from New York to New Haven on foot & from thence he took passage for Cape Ann & from there he traveled on foot to Portsmouth, arriving in March 1856— * * *

Wm Rackliff

[He was allowed £85, new tenor.—Ed.]

[9–96] [*Objections to granting New Castle the privilege of building a Bridge over Little Harbor: addressed to the Assembly May 19, 1757.*]

The Objections of the Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth in said Province against Granting that part of the Prayer of the Petition of the Inhabitants of New Castle, in Said Province which Relates to the Application of the Money they Propose to Raise by a Lottery, (if they may have Liberty to set one up) which they say is for building a Bridge over the River Call'd Little Harbour—As Liberty is Granted to any Person or Persons to Shew why this Petition ought not to be Granted, the said Town of Portsmouth have Chosen & Instructed us the Subscribers, as their Agents for that Purpose And therefore We Pray your Attention to what on this Matter We would Humbly Remonstrate—viz That the Petitioners Ought not to have Liberty to Apply any money at all, whether rais'd by Lottery or otherways to the building of said Bridge, Because they have not ask'd for leave to build it This is a thing they have no Right to do without Special License for it from the Supreme Authority, all Rivers, and Especially those which are Navigable, Ought to be Open the Passage free, neither Impeded or incumber'd, it is like the use of air or Light which all men have an Equal Right to Enjoy the Benefit of, without Impediment. and therefore whenever any Such thing has been done it has been by Such Liberty as aforesaid, which has been Granted only on this Principle, That a Lesser evil may be Sustained to procure a greater good. The Advantage Procur'd by Such Liberty has appear'd to be greater, and more general, than the Injury Sustain'd for it has always been Deem'd an Injury to some by depriving them of a Natural Right, a free unmolested, unimbarrass'd Passage,—whether the Framing this Petition in this Manner, so as to pass over, or Beg the main Question, & have it taken for Granted that they have a Right to build a Bridge where they Propose, was done by Design or otherways is Submitted, but if it is taken that it is Implied, in what they Petition for that they ask also for Leave to build the Bridge, we beg leave further to Observe that every Petition for any thing of a Publick Nature, ought to be Explicit—This Petition ought not only to have been so but they ought to have Set forth what kind of Bridge they proposd to build. for by this it wou'd have Appear'd More Easily whether & how far it wou'd be Detrimental to others—If they can Suppose it Practicable to build an Arch from Shore to Shore, & of such a Diameter as will

admit any Vessell that can come into that Harbour to pass under it, & lay their Bridge on that they will meet with no Opposition from us, it is certain a Bridge in one form, wou'd be much more Prejudicial with Regard to passing up and down the River than in another & therefore the whole Plan ought to have been Shewn in the Petition or there can be no just judgment, past on the Merits in favour of it, But That a Bridge built in any way which the Petitioner can carry into Execution wou'd be of more Damage than Advantage We Apprehend will appear by many considerations—It is a Fact well known that Several Vessells of considerable Burthen have come in this way & thereby Escaped the Danger & Damage of Ship Wreck, and the Loss of one Ship of an hundred Tons, woud be greater than the advantage of a Bridge there, wou'd have been in a Century past besides the use of that branch of the River is daily increasing as the number of Inhabitants above Increase,—and if We may Judge from the Experience of the last forty years past, the Inhabitants on the Island are & will be daily decreasing so that the Reasons for building a Bridge taken from the accommodating a considerable number of People grow weaker every year,—They were perhaps on every Score Seven times more and Stronger, in Queen Ann's War than now, on the other hand, those who will be in some Degree (Some more than others) Damnified & hurt by it have long been & Still are yearly increasing, and therefore the Argument in favour of this Proposal, Drawn from the Ballance of Advantage Resulting from it utterly fails these Petitioners. It has been Suggested by Some that Such a Building in the way which We can Suppose Feasible by the Petitioners wou'd have a very considerable Tendency to Affright and Drive out the Fish from that Branch of the River by which many of the Neighbouring Inhabitants there are Supplied & Supported which is no small Objection against the Scheeme, as to the Reasons given to Inforce this Petition either in that or what their Committee have given (which is little more than dividing & Repeating what is Suggested in the Petition) they are all Reducible to these, that as New Castle is a Barrier by Sea, & the Fort is there, a Bridge in time of War in Case of an Attack by an Enemy wou'd be Convenient both for Supplying them with Men & for a Retreat, as also it wou'd be a Probable means of the Inhabitants Retrieving their Decay'd Circumstances—As to the first of these there is no manner of Weight in it but what was Vastly greater in Queen Ann's War, and besides if there shou'd be a sudden call for Men on Such an Occasion, they cou'd be transported in Boats from this Town sooner than they cou'd Travel thither by land even with the help of a Bridge, for there is no doubt the greater part wou'd go from hence if the men came out of the

Country. and if any came out of Hampton & Rye, they woud soon be ferried Over so that it woud hardly be worth while to Incumber the River with a Bridge, for Such a Precarious & Uncertain Advantage, add to this that the Supposed Advantage of a Bridge, to Pour in men when wanted is fully ballanced, by giving a more favourable opportunity for Deserters to Escape as to the hopes of Retrieving the Circumstances of the Inhabitants there seems to be Little Weight in this, there is no Prospect of an Increase of Inhabitants & Trade there, the experience of more than half a Century is against it—and as there was more Reason for it so it was more Feasible Fifty years ago than now—it is true the Trade and Riches of some particular men there may, as it has for some years past Increase, who might possibly reap some advantage by a Bridge as they woud doubtless draw the custom of some of the Eastern part of Hampton & Rye by it more than at Present, but there particular Emolument is not a very Weighty Argument in favour of an Increase of Trade, in General, nor of Inhabitants in the Place—The Experience of all Countries Proves, the most thriving, Increasing Towns after the first Settlement, is within Land or at a considerable distance from the Harbours mouth—Upon the whole it is Humbly Submitted whether if the thing was Supposed to be reasonable it ought not to be ask'd, for that no such Power or Right coud be granted according to Law by their Charter, whether the Supposed Advantages to Accrue from it, are not few & Serve but few in Comparison of the Prejudice arising from it if done both in Respect to Weight and Numbers for that Vessells coming in must necessarily go out again in order to come up the River if a Bridge was there, besides the other Damages aforesaid.—Whether the Growing Numbers of Traders and other Inhabitants above even to the Heads of Rivers and even all the Inland Towns who have any concern with the Salt Water or any thing Transported by it or living in it that passes by or in Piscataqua River woud not be in some degree Affected by this Matter, and whether any consequences Resulting from it can come within the Rule aforesaid, & Preponderate, all which with what may be farther Offer'd upon an hearing is humbly Submitted and will be judged as We humbly hope of Weight Sufficient to obtain a dismission of this Petition.

John Sherburne, Andrew Clarkson, John Griffeth } Agents for the Town of Portsmouth

John Dennet, Sam[l] Penhallow, William Knight } Select Men

[For New Castle petition, see Vol. IX, p. 566.—Ed.]

[9–98] [*Complaint against Market-Men: addressed to the General Court, Nov. 19, 1765.*]

The Humble Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth in said Province sheweth—

That your Petitioners have long labored under the Burden of an oppressive, unreasonable and destestable Custom, which, as it is in its operation destructive to the Properties of the Subject, calls aloud on the Legislative Authority to enact such Laws which shall discountenance, abolish & prevent the same for the future, as being a Public Grievance & having a tendency to subvert the present good order of the Government in general & private Societys in particular.

Your Petitioners beg Leave to present their Complaint to y^r^ Excell^cy^ & Honours without impeaching the Characters of any Individuals in this Town, but only in the general to say, That it has been usual and customary for many Shop Keepers to purchase of our country Brethren who come into town, great quantities of Provisions of all sorts by way of Truck and vending the same again to y^r^ Petitioners & others with an advance of 20 per Cent upon the first Purchase, by which we are greviously treated, for if these Monopolizers were once prevented from purchasing other than necessary supplies, as may serve their own family Consumption every Member of the Community would then have an equal Benefit of the Markett.

The Consequences resulting from this Custom is at first View so manifest that your Petitioners think a further observation thereon would be insulting & reflected upon the Judgement of y^r^ Excellency and Honours they therefore leave their Complaint, not doubting but the Equity thereof will produce such relief on the Premises as the Wisdom of your Excell^cy^ and Hon^rs^ may seem meet to determine

Your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray—

Wm Shackford	Wiliam Warner	Ebenz^r^ Dearing
Monseiur Bunberry	William Jones	Caleb Beck
Edwd Butler	Richard Woods	John Peavey
John marshall	Simeon Akarman	Thom improy
John Moffatt	Tobias Banfill	George Jackson
John Wentworth	Josiah Akarman	John Hunking
Saml Griffith	Nahum Akarman	John Mendum
William Yeaton	Richd. Servans	William Marshall
Richd Champney	George Marshall Jun	Richard Chids
John Wendell	Jos. Allcock	Thomas Palmer
Jonathan Warner	Thomas Palmer	Samuel Beck
Sam. Warner	Michael Whidden	Moses Wingate
Pierse Long	Junr	John Cutt

Geo Wentworth
John Phillips
John Churchel
George Marshall
Sam^{ll} Ham
Wm Hunt
Richard Polly
John how
Joseph Welch
Wm Gunnison
Wm Welch
John Pendexter
Sam^{ll} Dalling
John Nelson
George Seaward
Giles Seaward
W Clagett
Gregory Purcell
Saml Cutts
Samuel Moffatt
James Stoodly
Geo : Jeffrey
Hugh Hall Wentworth
Saml Appleton
Josh. Wentworth
D. Sherburne
Sam^{ll} Sherburne
John Beck
John Noble
Jno Langdon
B : Odiorne
Jno Bartlett
James Marden
Joseph Hixon
Robt Gibbs
George Hart
Thomas Chadbourn
Elisha Briard
Daniel Hart
Richard Shortridge
John Dennett
Mark Fernald
Geo^{g} King
Samuell Treadwell
Henry Sherburne
Rich Hart
Nath^{ll} Shannon
Joseph Simes
Benj^{a} Mackay
James Dwyer
Perkins Ayers
Charls Banfill
Jas Gilmor
J Brackett
Geo Boyd Junr
George Dame
Willm Pearne
Samuel Hall
James Grouard
Nath^{ll} Sherburne
Joseph Walker
Thomas Sherburne
Nath^{ll} Jackson
Thos Dalling
John Lindsay
James MDonogh
N : furber
georg fearnald
Thos Landell
William furnel
Thos Richard
Samll Barnes
Thos Hatch
Wm Rose
William Fullerton
Ebenezer Odiorne
Joseph Moulton jun^{r}
Paul Laighton
Wm Jenkins
Henry Nutter
Epes greenough
James Whitaker
Sam^{ll} Waters Junior
Edward Gale
John Wheelwright
Tobias Melcher
Jonath Rawlings
Thomas Goldthwaitt
Samuel Greenough
William Gibbes
Nath^{ll} Mendum
John Furnald
Ezek^{l} Russell
Eph^{m} Dennett
Zech^{r} Foss
Peter Man
Mark Nelson
John Kennard
John Loud

[In council, Nov. 27, 1765, read and sent to the assembly.—Ed.]

[9-99] [*Petition for the erection of a Light-house: addressed to the Assembly, June 14, 1765.*]

The humble Petition of Sundry Merchants & others of Portsmouth and other Adjacent places Concerned in Trade Shews

That the Necessity of a Light house at Some Suitable place near the Mouth of Piscataqua harbor has been a long time acknowledged and desired, and is Obvious to every One,

acquainted with the Situation—For Building of which, Provision was made by the Act commonly called the Loan Act, above twenty years ago, which woud Probably then have nearly Effected the thing. considering the Price of Labour & value of the bills Emitted by that Act. But if Such a building was then Estimated of such Importance, to the Safety of Navigation & benefit of Trade it is much more So now by the Increase of both—That the burthens & Difficulties now attending Trade of which every One is Sensible more than when said Act was passd is as Your Petitioners humbly Conceive a very weighty Additional Motive to countenance any lawful Scheme that carries a favorable Aspect towards it, and the Events of the last Winter & Spring are strong presumptive evidences that the Light house proposed woud be such, and Prevent in a few Years many heavy losses.—That there is a Society of Gentlemen in Portsmouth aforesaid formd under the Name of the Marine Society who are more Intimately acquainted with the Circumstances and Incidents attending the Navigation of this River than others, who if consulted would more Particularly Demonstrate the Necessity & Advantage of this matter and might be of Service in their advice in the Premises—

Wherefore Your Petitioners humbly request that this affair may be taken under Consideration what was formerly done Considered and such further Measures Determined on and Pursued Especially Such additional Sums Granted as shall best Carry the proposal Into Execution and Your Petitioners Shall ever Pray &c

George Boyd	James Stoodly	Sam^{ll} Dalling
John Penhallow	Joseph allcock	Giles Seaward
Jonathan Warner	Willm Torrey	Wm Knight
Temple Knight	Richd Hart	Nat Barrell

Members of the Marine Society Viz^{t}—

Gregory Purcell	James McDonogh	W^{y} Langdon
Saml Appleton	George Turner	Pierse Long
Hugh Hall Wentworth	Geo : Janvrin	Nathl Adams
	Jno Parker	Edward Emerson
Daniel Rindge	Joseph Hixon	Joseph Mead
Titus Salter	Samuel Moffatt	D^{l} warner
Nat Sherburne	John Leye	Ja^{s} Nevin
Saml Warner	Wm Whipple	

Thomas Wentworth	Samuel Tripe	Hall Jackson
Thos Packer	Thomas Hatch	Peter Shores june^{r}
John Sherburne	Richard Salter	John Griffeth
D Peirce	John Wendell	Mark Duckett

John Newmarch	Richard Childs	Tim^{y} Mountford
Charles Treadwell	Zeb Foss	Wm Odiorne
J : Tufton : Mason	James Guppy	E Russell
Nathl Treadwell	Josh^{a} Wentworth	William Parker
A R Cutter	Joseph Simes	Thos Wibird
W Clagett	Geo : Wentworth	Philip Hooker
John Shackford	Joseph Cotton	Noah Parker
Daniel Rogers	Stephen Batson	Jno. Sullivan
Paul march	Jno Blunt	Sam Hale
H Wentworth	John Huggett	Wm Hart
Samuel Wentworth	John Salter	John Noble
Mark H^{g} Wentworth	Wm Shackford	George Marshall
Saml Cutts	Jno Bartlett	John marshall
Jos : Whipple	Mark Fernald	Eph^{r} Ham
John Stavers	Daniel Sherburne	Wm Gibs
John Moffatt	Batt Staves	Ebnzer Dearing
Tobias Lear	Sha^{d} Bell	John Wheelwright
John Beck	Clem^{t} Jackson Senr	Joseph Tapley

[In council, June 18, 1765, the foregoing petition was "Read Recommended & Ordered to be sent down to the Honble House" In H. of Rep., June 19, 1765, "This petition being Read—Ordered that the petitioners have leave by Messrs Jno Sherburne, Jon^{a} Warner, Daniel Rindge, Saml Cutts, Thomas Wentworth, Gregory Purcell, Titus Salter and George Janvrin to take a view of Odiorns Point & any other place w^{h} they may think more suitable to erect a light house on that they prepare a plan of the building, make an estimate of the cost thereof & ye annual expence of supporting it consider what materials will be most suitable for such a Building & make report to the General Assembly as soon as may be" Council concurred.—Ed.]

[90–100] [*Petition relative to Stamp Act Riot: addressed to the Governor and Assembly, July 10, 1766.*]

The Petition of Us the Subscribers a Number of the Inhabitants of Said Province of New Hampshire and Loyal Subjects to his Majestie King George and Peaceable Members of the Province under your Excellenceys Administration, humbly Sheweth

That whereas on the first Day of November last a number of People were Assembled together in a Riotous manner in the Town of Portsm^{o} in profess'd Design to oppose the Stamp Acts takeing place, and in said Riotous manner did Damage Break

and Spoil a House Built at our Expence for the Purpose of Worshiping God agreeable to his Word and our own Consciences.—

And whereas his Majestie has Publickly made known his royall Pleasure by a Letter from the right Honble Mr Conway to his Excellency to make good the Damage Sustained by his Loyal Subject thro the means of Mobs and riotous Assemblies about that Affair

Therefore we most humbly Informe your Excellency and Honors that We have suffered a great Loss in the Damage done said Building, whereby it was rendered Useless to Us full Six months, and altho We have done our best to repair it in as frugal a Manner as Possible to the Expence of no small sum, yet it is Considerabely marr'd with many marks of Violence. And We most Earnestly Implore y^{r} Excellency and Honors in your wonted Attachment to the Honor of his Majestie and your own Generosity and Humanity To take our Case into your Wise Consideration, and Order Us such Redress as your Excellency and Honors shall think Meet; and your Peititoners as in Duty bound shall every Pray—

Nat Barrell	Moses Noble	Nathl Rogers
Benj^{a} Hart	Colb^{n} Barrell	William Fullerton

[In council, July 11, 1766, the foregoing was read and sent down to the H. of Rep.—Ed.]

[90-101] [*Relative to Hogs going at large.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth Pray that the Act for Preventing the Hogs going at Large in this Town may pass if possible this Session.

W Clagett	Peter Man	G Wentworth
Hy Appleton	George King	Wm Knight
John Furnald	Josep Walker	John Penhallow
James Grouard	Geo Turner	Nathl Adams
Jno Parker	John Newmarch	James Dwyer
Joshua Brackett	Robert Robertson	E Russell
Wm Whipple	Neale McIntyer	Paul march
Jos. Whipple	Robt Traill	William Marshall
Sam Penhallow	George Boyd	W^{y} Langdon
Samuel Moffatt	Danl Fowle	Benjamin Bigelow
Benj^{a} Parker	Gregory Purcell	Richard Trusdel
Benjamin Slade	Saml Cutts	John Clark
H Wentworth	Th^{o} Martin	Thomas Wentworth
Zeb Foss	Jos Allcock	Ja^{s} Nevin

William Hart	Will[m] Torrey	Henry Rust
Daniel Rogers	Is: Rindge	W[m] Shackford
Peter Pearse	Thomas Chadbourn	Peter Johnson
Mark Nelson	A R Cutter	

[90–102] [*Petition for the passage of an Act to oblige Tax-Payers to give in their Property under Oath: addressed to the General Assembly, Feb. 21, 1769.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth in the Province aforesaid Most humbly Sheweth

That the Trade and Business of this Metropolis is so greatly Decayed that the Inhabitants are filled with the most Gloomy Apprehensions Espeacially the Middling and Poorer sort who look upon themselves to be greatly Distressed and Aggrieved by the weight of the Public Taxes which by the present method of Assessment falls exceeding heavy on them, when they are scarce able to provide provisions for their Familys—for the Remedying of which Grievance and that all the Inhabitants may be equally Taxed; which at present they are not, the Select Men of the Town having no Certain Rule of Law to Proceed by as they have in the other Provinces on this Continent.

Your Petitioners humbly Request That your Excellency and Honors in your great Wisdom and goodness would be Pleased to Pass a Valuation Act Obliging every Inhabitant of the Town to give in to the Select Men or Assessors a Just and true Valuation upon Oath, of All his Estate Real and Personal under Improvement, that so each Member of the Community may bear his equal Proportion of the Publick charges of Government, Or that you would be pleased otherwise to Relieve the Distrest Inhabitants of this Town, relative to the Premisses in such other Method as to your Exc[y] & Honors in your great wisdom shall Judge Meet—

And your Petitioners, as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray &c[ra]

Portsmouth March 31 1769—

Jacob Treadwell Sen	William Hart	Rich[d] Champney
Nath[l] Treadwell	John Hart Jun[r]	Giles Seaward
Sam[l] Griffith	John Penhallow	Benjamin Bigelow
Nath[l] Treadwell Jun[r]	John Newmarch	Geo Turner
Daniel Hart	Josh Blanchard	Jacob Mills
Peter Man	John Beck	Henry Sherburne
Joseph Brewster	W[m] Blunt	James Dwyer
Michael Whidden Jun[r]	Jn[o] Clapham	J Brackett
	W Appleton	Benj[a] Mackay

Sam^{ll} Dalling	Th^{o} Martin	Josh. Wentworth
Nath^{ll} Sherburne	John Sparhawk	Joseph Leigh
Geo Wentworth	Richd Cutts Shannon	Edmund Coffin
George Marshall	Geo : King	Clem^{t} Jackson
Geo : Janvrin	James P^{s} King	Hall Jackson
John Stavers	Danl Lunt	George King
Peter Pearse	Nehemiah Wheeler	Danl Fowler
Supply Clap	James Haslett	John Furnald
Charls Banfill	Edward Hart	John Adams
Geo Gains	Joseph Bass	Jno Jackson
William Furnell	Saml Cutts	William Fullerton
Saml Gerrish	George Boyd	John Langdon
Benj^{a} Parker	Neal McIntyer	Joseph Day
Joseph Allcock	Robt Robertson	Wm Cario
Gregory Purcell	Ric^{d} Hart	

[9–104] [*Petition relative to Market, Fire-Wards, Taverns, Small-Pox, etc.: addressed to the General Assembly, 1772.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Selectmen of Portsmouth in said County, and as a Committee in behalf of said Town, pursuant to the Vote thereof at their legal meeting for the current Year—Humbly Sheweth, That some persons with a view to monopolize, forestal and engross the market of provisions, have made it a practice to buy all, or the major part of the same before they were brought into the Town, or immediately upon their being brought to market and to retail the same at an exorbitant price, whereby every person inclined to purchase at first hand is prevented therefrom & the Poorer sort of People greatly oppressed and the good design of establishing a fix'd market in said Town, frustrated—That the Law for extinguishing fires in said Town is deficient in that it lays no penalty on any person refusing to obey the firewards in Case of Fire, and also in that it does not impower the firewards to pull down any Buildings they shall judge necessary to prevent the spreading of Fire in the Town—That the great number of Taverns in said Town naturally tend to the corruption of the morals of the Youth, To promote Idleness, drunkenness, & Debauchery and a chain of other vices very detrimental to the well being of the Town,—That said Portsmouth being a Sea-Port Town hath continually been, and yet is, at vast Expence in defraying the charges, and in preventing the Small Pox & other contagious distempers from spreading thro' this province, and for that purpose have, within Twenty Years last past necessarily expended Eight hundred & forty Pounds lawful money.—That the proportion of the Province Tax paid by the said Town appears to them unequal & disproportionate to

what the rest of the Towns annually pay, and as the Trade of s^d^ Town hath long been declining & the Burthen of Taxes increasing, while the other Towns in the Province have been growing Richer, & while many new Towns have been incorporated & settled (since said proportion was made) which are now able to pay a dividend of the Province Tax.—Your Petitioners therefore Pray, in behalf of the Inhabitants of said Portsmouth that they may have Liberty to bring a Bill for preventing the forstalling & ingrossing of Provisions—To limit the number of Taverns in said Town for the future, & to amend the Act concerning Fires.—That Your Excellency & Honors would reimburse and allow to the said Portsmouth the whole, or such part of the monies by them expended for preventing the spreading of such Contagions as may appear to you Equitable, and that there may be a new proportion of the Province Tax. And your Petitioners, as in duty Bound will ever Pray.—

Portsm° May 22^d^ 1772.—

Benj^a^ Akarman	Geo Gains	Geo Hart
Saml Cutts	William Langdon	

[In council, May 26, 1772, the foregoing petition was read and sent to the assembly, recommended.—Ed.]

[9-119] [*Relative to a Market, etc.*]

Whereas we the Selectmen of Portsmouth, have in a general way, prayed leave to bring in a Bill against Forestalling and Ingrossing the market of provisions in Portsmouth, We humbly beg leave to suggest to your Excellency and Honors, in a more particular manner the propos'd contents of s^d^ bill which are that the house built and improved by the Town for a market house in s^d^ Portsmouth, be establish'd as such. That there be a Clerk of the Market chosen annually by the Town, who shall not suffer any unwholesome or putrid Meat, or other provisions unfit for Sale to be sold there, and if any such be offered for Sale in said Market he shall be obliged to prosecute the Offender, that said Clerk shall not be allowed to buy any Provisions in said Market but for his own family use, and upon conviction thereof the Selectmen shall displace him and appoint another Clerk in his stead, which Clerk so appointed shall continue in his office (except he shall offend as aforesaid, in wch case the Selectmen may remove and appoint as afores^d^) until the next annual Town-Meeting, when a new one shall be chosen. That every day in the year excepting Lord's days and days set apart by Government for Religious Service shall be a market day, the market shall be opened at Sunrise, and kept open until one oClock in the afternoon and every Saturday afternoon, and

every other afternoon preceeding any day set apart by Government for religious services as aforesaid shall be esteemed Market hours—that no Steelyards be allowed in s^d^ Market nor any other than sealed weights.—That all disputes in the market between buyer and seller concerning things bought and sold in the Market shall be determined by the Clerk—that no person before one oClock in the afternoon shall buy any provision in s^d^ Market with intent to sell the same at a greater price, nor sell any provision so bought at a greater price than given on penalty of twenty shillings for each offence One half thereof for the use of the informer and the other half for the poor of said Town, that no Huckster, or any other person shall, before one oClock in the afternoon, in any part of said Town, buy any provision brought to said Town either by Land or water for sale with intent to sell the same again at a greater price under the penalty of Twenty shillings for each offence one half to the informer & the Other half to the poor as aforesaid—

[9–105] [*Protest against Theatrical Performances, etc.: addressed to the General Assembly, Jan. 11, 1773.*]

The Petition of a number of his Majestys Dutyful and Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth whose names are under written humbly Sheweth—

That your petitioners apprehend great inconvenience to this Town and Province from the Toleration of public Plays and Theatrical Exhibitions that such Theatrical Exhibitions tend to an unnecessary expence both of time & money, of more fatal consequence at a time when the Low State of Trade and continual & just complaint of the scarcity of money, call for the greatest, Diligence and good Economy in the Inhabitants of the Town—that such Exhibitions by exciting the Curiosity of the poor draw them off from their necessary Labours and induce them to spend that in gratification of their Curiosity which ought to have purchased Bread for themselves and Families—

That therefore they have a tendency to increase the number of the poor and accordingly add to the burden of the Town which already is nearly insupportable—that such plays and exhibitions under a pretence of Ridiculing & Correcting have been found in numberless Instances greatly to increase Vice in those places where they have been in use, and have been complained of as a grievance by many of the Wise and Virtuous in the Nation—

That if encouraged in this Town they will increase the means of Dissipation among us which are already observed with concern—

That they will so engage the attention of our youth as greatly

to impede their Progress in the most important parts of Learning both in our Schools and among our Handicrafts—

That they expose our youth to many Temptations and youthful Lusts that especially We apprehend they are by no means favourable to the great cause of Christianity but have a Tendency to divert from a diligent attention to the Holy Scriptures and a serious concern to be prepared for Death and the World to come—That your petitioners have accordingly observed with concern the Encouragement one Mr Morgan has obtained in his Weekly Exhibitions in this Town, and apprehend that some of the abovementioned ill Consequences resulting from the free Toleration of such Theatrical Exhibitions are already too plainly seen among us—

That if he and his Fellow Actors after having attempted to set up their Business in other parts of New England and being universally refused should settle themselves in this Town in said Business, We may Expect beside the great Expence of maintaining him and them, We shall have others of like Character and for the same purpose Crowding in upon us to the no small Detriment of the Town and the State—

Your petitioners therefore from a deep concern for the Honour of God, the Cause of Virtue and the Welfare of the Town and Province Humbly Pray your Excellency and Honours that they may have Leave to bring in a Bill to Prohibit such Exhibitions—

And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever Pray &ca

Arthur Browne	John marshall	Joseph Day
Samuel Langdon DD.	Eph^{m} Ham	Abraham Elliot
	Geo. Marshall Junr	Theodore moses
Samuel Haven DD	Reuben Snell	Samu^{l} Moses
Saml Penhallow	Sam^{ll} Dalling	Isaac Williams
John Hurd	Wm Cario	Jonathan Ayers
Samuel Hale	Dan^{ll} Jackson	Geo Gains
Joshua Brackett	John Griffeth	Samuel Bowles
H Wentworth	James Stoodly	John Grant
John Newmarch	Jos: Whipple	Peter Man
Charles Treadwell	Benj^{a} Mackay	John Nelson
A R Cutter	Wm Knight	Wm Cotton
John Moffatt	Mark Nelson	Joseph Walton
Thos Hart	Geo. Hart	Temple Knight
John Pickering Junr	Mark Seveay	Saml Cutts
Peter Pearse	Richd Hart	Jos. Allcock
John Penhallow	William Langdon	George Dame
James Clarkson	Nathl Treadwell	Joseph Leigh
James Clarkson Junr	Joseph Cotton	Pierse Long
Mark Langdon	Geo: Jerry Osborne	John Beck
George Marshall	Perkins Ayers	

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 13, 1773, voted unanimously that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill.—Ed.]

[9-106] [*Relative to taking the Small-Pox, 1773.*]

May it please your Excellency & the Honble His Majesties Councell—

The Selectmen of the Town of Portsmouth being under fearfull Apprehentions of the Small pox spreading in this Town, from the dayly practice of Numbers of the Inhabitants of this Town & Elsewhere; who without propper Regard to, or leave from the Town, throw themselves into the infection upon the Pest House Island, and thereby make it Necessary for us to suffer them to be inoculated, least they should spread the infection the Natural way

And whereas we now hear of a Number who intend to take the same unjustifiable Method of having the Small pox, and that we have no Authority to prevent, or at least it is out of our power to keep them from the Island by laying any penalty for such a great Transgression—We therefore Humbly aske your Excellency & the Honble His Majesties Councells Advice and direction in this important matter—

Portsm^o^ June 27th 1773

Saml Cutts
Geo. Hart } Selectmen
Geo Gains

[An act to prevent the spreading of the small-pox was passed Jan. 29, 1774; and another, which prohibited inoculation for small-pox without permission from the authorities, was passed Dec. 13, 1776.—Ed.]

[9-107]

It is the opinion of the Selectmen, & as farr as they understand the Sentiments of the Inhabitants of the Town, that ¾ of the people think it much less resque of having the Small pox spread the Natural Way; to have the following Method Established for ye present—viz

1 to have the pest House used for a Hospital for inoculation—

2^d^ that a Committee of 5 respectable persons be Appointed to regulate the pest House & Establish the following Rules

3^d^ That a Doctor of fidelity be Appointed, who must reside at the Island during the pleasure of the Committee—

4th That two or three persons be chosen and Sworn to conform to the directions of the Committee, to Attend upon ye order of the House—

5th that no person be Admitted upon the Island without Written leave from the Committee—

6th That if any person Clandistantly goes upon the Island in order to have the Small pox, shall be Subject to a penalty of 30£ Lawfull money—

7th That any & Every person that chooses to go down to the Pest House to be inoculated, must Apply to the Committee, & pay them £ Lawful money for the Charge, & then obtain a certificate from said Committee to the Doctr of his having Agreed to the Terms of inoculating —

Saml Cutts Selectmen

[9–110] [*Departure of Gov. Wentworth, 1775.*]

Portsmouth Aug 25 1775

Sir—

We beg leave to inform the Honble Provincial Congress that yesterday his Majesty's Ships Scarborough & Canso sailed from this Harbour 'tis said for Boston with Governor Wentworth & his Family on board & that we doubt not the Honble Congress will in their Wisdom pay due attention to the request of this Committee signified to them yesterday by Mr Morrison

We inclose a Vote of this Committee relative to Shipping off Fish & Mr Champney who carries this will inform the Honble Congress fully as to that Matter—

Iam
by order of the Comee of Safety
Sir
Your most hble Servant
H Wentworth Chairman

To the Honorable The President of the Provincial Congress

[In provincial congress, Aug. 28, 1775, the committee of safety of Portsmouth were earnestly recommended to use all prudent methods to prevent the exportation of fish from Gosport.—Ed.]

[9–112] [*Portsmouth Committee of Safety to the Provincial Congress, 1775.*]

Commee Hall Portsmo 9th Nov 1775

To the Honorable Provincial Congress—

The Committee of Safety for this Town, having been favored

with a Sight of the Votes of the Honorable Congress, relative to enlisting 200 Matrosses & 300 Soldiers, for the defence of the several ports, at the entrance of this Harbour, intreat the consideration of the Congress to their Petition that a larger Number of Men may be employed for that purpose—

So many reasons concur, in favor of this our request, that We would not trouble the Congress to enumerate them all, but we just beg leave to mention, that the Port being the key to this Province, and a great part of Kittery, it was the Opinion of Generals Washington, & Sullivan, that a thousand Men were requisite, & they have accordingly thrown up Works to cover so many

That if so small a Number as 500, are posted there, the Enemy, from whose late behavior, we can expect nothing but Treachery, and Surprize, in case they can obtain by such means, either of the ports, will make use of those very works to dispossess us of the rest, which as they have a plenty of Ammunition, of which We are Short, We fear they may too easily do—That the Harbour of Boston being liable to freeze, which is not the case with this, an Acquisition of this kind would be of vast importance to the Enemy, while it would strike a general Damp on the Inhabitants of this Colony, an Event carefully to be guarded against at this critical Season of the War

We beg leave only further to say, that our own personal Security, is not the only consideration, that prompts us to prefer this Petition, We consider the Matter in a much more extensive view, and doubt not the Honble Congress will do the same —Our Harbour is in a manner now defenseless the Men whose Inlistments are out being mostly gone. We have certain Intelligence that the Fleet under Morrels command, with some other Men of War are now at Boston. We therefore intreat that one thousand Men may be forthwith posted at the Works aforesaid for one Month to be under the command of the same Field Officers who have formerly had it of whose Abilities we entertain the highest respect & confidence And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

By order of the Com^{ee} of Safety

H Wentworth. Chairman

[9–114]

Ports Mouth the 30 Day 1776

Gentlemen this to Beg the favour of you of Liberty of going to work att my trad with Gorge hart or Noah parker Ither of them gentlemen will Be my Bonsmen and Gentelm fourder I hav Sarved five months in the provesel Sarvis

I hav Sind all Sociation a cording too the act of Congres and Gentelmen furder I hav no Close to my Back taking in Such a maner that I cude not help my Self and I Should Take it a grate favour to hav the Liberty to work and

So I am your well wishers

John Carpenter

To the Onnerable and Ginneral Commyty att Exeter

[9–116] [*Instructions to Assembly-Men, 1776.*]

Portsmouth December 18th 1776 At a Public Town Meeting of the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of said Portsmouth pr adjournment the following Instructions were given to the Gentlemen Elected by them to serve in General Assembly—

Gentlemen

The free Suffrages of your fellow Citizens have Elected you to the betrustment of their dearest Rights & Priviledges! They have chosen you to represent them at the General Assembly of this State from a Consciousness of your Abilities, Integrity & attachment to the Public Weal! And also they can safely depend upon your firmness, yet they presume it must be more agreeable to you, to know their Sentiments on some Public Matters, which they cannot but think to be very Interesting to the Community! We therefore take leave to give you the following Instructions—

1st We desire you would use you utmost Influence to procure an Act of Assembly! That no Person should hold more than One Place of Profit Civil or Military under this Government at the same time! And that no Member of the Assembly should hold any Place of Profit while he retains his Seat in the House as it is of the greatest Importance to the Public Interest, that no Placemen or Pensioners should hold a Seat in the House! We have seen a too selfinteresting Principle prevailing in former Assemblies & the observation has been general! We think the Public Favours ought not to be confined to a few, but extended to many, by which our Union will be more strongly cemented! Merit ought to be more consider'd & when Gentlemen of Abilities are chosen into the Public Service they ought to be provided for agreeable to the Importance of their Offices—

2dly We desire you would take the greatest Care that our Soldiery are not neglected as they have been, by suffering the Sutlers shamefully to enrich themselves by their Extortion, with the spoils of those worthy men who have jeopardized their Lives in the defence of their Country & its sacred Rights every

encouragement should be given to quiet their Fears & apprehension of the like base treatment in future—

3dly We are concern'd to see Monopolies Extortion & Oppression so predominant in Town & Country by which the Poor, the Widow, the Orphan the Fatherless & many other Classes of People are suffering under every discouragement, & is more Instrumental of Proselyting many to the side of our Enemies, than even the most open Bribery & Corruption for while we are Complaining of Oppression from the British Government & flying from the Effects of such Oppression, we are made doubly miserable under the disguise of Friendship. The Honble Continental Congress have recommended the Consideration of these apparent Evils to all the States & we earnestly solicit you to prevent this dreadful Calamity, which threatens disunion, discord & perhaps more dangerous consequences than the Arms of our Enemies.

4thy We desire your attention to the State of the Public Funds & that you do not Consent to the making of more Money by this State, but that you would Consult with the other States upon an effectual method to sink the Monies already issue'd whereby the Currency may be preserv'd from depreciating & the Public Faith more secured, There are not wanting many within Ourselves, who would wish to see the depreciation increas'd as they well know this Circumstance alone, would have a Tendency to weaken our opposition more than any other

5tly We desire that you would pay a great attention to any Causes of Complaint subsisting in many Towns on the Western part of this State & to quiet any uneasiness which they feel from Real or suppos'd Injuries by Partial Representation, these Complaints if they are not seasonably redress'd may ripen into an open disaffection to our Cause as the Right of Taxation wholly depends upon that of Representation, & is the Basis of our present Controversy with Britain, & if we withhold this right from our own Brethren by an unequal Classical Representation, we shall split upon the very Rocks, we are striving to avoid, We pray you would preserve this Inherent Right to the People Inviolate & sacred as it is their dearest Priviledge— The better to make Representation equal & general (as the Congress recommended) Let it be determined what number of Voters shall be Intitled to a Representative not exceeding Fifty, & that every Town should have as many Members as that Number will admit of & send as many (if they think proper) provided every Town pays its own Members, for we do not think it equitable that the whole Representation should be paid out of the Public Treasury, for perhaps many Towns may not incline to send any Members & it would be unreasonable that they should be Tax'd for one, when they don't send him—

6thy We enjoin it on you that all Persons who have had the public Monies should Account for the same that the general Accounts may be forwarded to the Continental Congress, & especially that all such monies as now are or which hereafter may be lodg'd in the Maritime Court, may be Accounted for Quarterly by the Judge of said Court & paid into the Public Treasury & to be Borrowed by the Assembly untill the Proprietors shall Claim the same or be otherwise dispos'd of by the Assembly for the Public Good—

7thy We desire you would procure a support for the Poor of the Isle of Shoals out of the Public Treasury, to ease the Burthens of this Town which has been at great Expence on their Account, & at a Time when we are unable to Maintain our own—

8thy We would advise you to procure a Tax to sink the Money already Emitted & that Money be hired for the Contingencies of Government rather than Consent to another Emission—

9thy We desire you would encourage any Persons who would undertake the Manufactories of Salt Hemp, Malt & Bloomeries for the Casting of Cannon & Pot Iron of every kind, also to the raising of Wheat Flax & any other Beneficial Commodity of Domestic Consumption—

10thy We would wish to see some Laws made for preserving the Morals of the People & for every purpose for the Safety Honour & Welfare of the Community—

A True Copy

Attest

John Penhallow Town Clerk

[9–118] [*Relative to having a Price fixed on Certain Commodities, 1777.*]

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth who are desirous of quietting the minds of many as well to preserve an Unanimity in the Common Cause—

Sheweth,

That notwithstanding the many sore Distresses this unhappy Country is now suffering by the wanton Cruel and unrelenting hand of Britain's King & his minions; Yet there are among ourselves (both in Town & Country) many who for want of virtue (that inestimable Jewel) have lost sight of the Grand object which they ought to have in view by oppressing the Industrious

Tradesman Labourers & others in their Exorbitants & unheard off demands for almost every Commodity that by the Dispensation of Divine Providence they are favoured with ; which will prove a Curse rather than a Blessing, unless a speedy reformation takes place, at present it appears doubtfull as the fear of God & Love for their Country seems not to dwell in them and no other prospect for redress presents then for your Honors interposeing therein by assertaining & Limiting by Law certain prices for the common necessaries of Life (without takeing notice of superfluous Articles) as in your Wisdom may be thot consistant with sound policy for the better secureing peace & unanimity among the people in General as many appear discouraged thereby which at this Critical time ought to be wisely Considered in order to prevent evil Consequences attending which may not at present be foreseen—Your petitioners at the same time beg leave to observe that they view the present Era big with the greatest importance respecting the political Event of this New World and have no doubt by the blessing of God, we shall finally come off Conquerers provided we hold ourselves United which may be effected by viewing the publick Cause our private Concern and despiseing a sordidness of Gain extorted from our Neighbours at this day of puplick Calamity—And your petitioners in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Portsmouth January 6th 1777—

In Publick Town Meeting the petition being read a second time—

Voted

That it be preferred to the General Assembly of this State for their Consideration.—

Portsmouth January 7th 1777—

a True Copy
Attest John Penhallow Town Clerk

[An act fixing the prices of the necessaries of life, etc., was passed Jan. 18, 1777, and an additional one the tenth of April following.—Ed.]

[9–121] [*Letter from John Langdon relative to the Enemy at Penobscot, 1779.*]

Portsmº June 30th 1779—

Gent

there Seems to be great Exertions, to procure Sufficient force to go against the Enemy Penobscot. and as it Seems a Duty to

Assist a Sister State, I could wish that we may Not be behind hand. I have therefore taken the liberty to mention it to Honb[l] Committee of fiting out Some Ship from this port to Joine those from the Massachusetts, in Destroying or Driveing the Enemy from our Coasts, We have the Ship Hampden now here that might be got Ready in Short time, She partly belongs here, partly at Boston.—the State must take here, and have her Appraised, and fited at their Risque—I should be Exceding happy if Such a Matter Could be Bro't ab[t] and would give every Assistance in my Power.—

I am Gen[t] your most Obd S[t]

John Langdon

[9-123] [*Petition to fit and send the ship Hampden against the Enemy, 1779.*]

Respectfully Shew The Subscribers Inhabitants of said State

That they are alarmed by a late descent of the Enemy on the Eastern Shore of the State of Massachusetts-Bay, That we are informed Said State of Massachusetts are exerting every Nerve to oppose the progress of the Enemy in that quarter—

And as the Situation of this State exposes us to the Attacks of the Enemy should they establish their Power at Penobscot, We humbly concieve it highly for the Advantage of this State as well as for the general Benefit of the United States of America that immediate opposition should be made, & that we shoud heartily Joyn with our Neighbour State by furnishing what little Assistance may be in our power to oppose the Common Enemy—For which purpose we would propose that the Ship Hampden may be Commissioned, Fitted & Man'd (which we concieve may be imediately done by Volunteers) with all expedition, to joyn & Coopperate with our Brethren of the Massachusetts—

We hope that our honest intentions to promote the public good will apologize for our forwardness in suggesting this Matter to the Honorable Committee of Safety—

Portsmouth 28th June 1779

Joshua Brackett	Theodore Atkinson	Samuel Fernald
Joseph Simes	John Sherburn	Thomas Sheafe
H Wentworth	John Penhallow	Rob[t] Jenness
John Parrott	Josh. Wentworth	E Russell
Joseph Bass	Thomas Palmer	Samuel Briard
Jonathan Warner	Sam[ll] Dalling	John Wendell
Geo Wentworth	Nath Folsom	Henry Sherburne

Moses Woodward	Giles Seaward	Tobias Warrener
Neal McIntyer	James Whitaker	Daniel Rogers
John Cutt	Edward Sargent	Nath[l] Treadwell
A R Cutter	Sam[l] Hutchings	Sam[l] Penhallow
James Grouard	Henry Nutter	Nahum Ward
Peter Man	Pierse Long	James Haslett
Jacob Treadwell	W[m] Cotton	Rob[t] Parker
Jeremiah Libbey	Geo : King	Sam[l] Gerrish
H Appleton	Samuel Hill	J. Whipple
Benjamin Slade	James Gooch	

[9–122] [*Statement of the Condition of Matters in Town, 1779.*]

State of New Hampshire. Rockingham ss.

At a Town-Meeting Warn'd and held at the West-Chamber in the State-House at Portsmouth by Adjournment October 1st 1779—

The Report of the Committee represent'g the distrest State of this Town being read.

Voted, That it be Accepted, And a Copy thereof be given to the Representatives of this Town, to Lay before the General-Assembly at their next Session.

The Committee Appointed to prepare a representation of the distrest State of the Town, beg leave to Report that upon Examination they find that out of Twelve Thousand Tons of Shipping, which prior to the present War were owned here Annually, there are not more than Eight Hundred Tons now, That Trade of all Sorts hath lessen'd in the same Proportion, That on the 27th of July last, there were no more than 383 Men upon the Train-Band and Alarm-List, The rest of the Men belonging to the Town were in the Navy Army or Captivity, except a few Persons in Privateers belonging to other States—That all the Current Cash in the Town is insufficient to pay the Taxes the present Year—That early in the War a resolve passed the General-Court of this State, order[g] the Inhabitants of the Isle of Shoals to remove from thence, to prevent any Intelligence which might otherwise be given to the Enemy. In Consequence of which this Town has been burthen'd with the poorer Sort of them since that Time, which is a great Addition to the Expences thereof—That the Annual Expences of this Town for the Support of the Poor Amount to near Thirty Thousand Pounds—That the Lodgment of the Enemy at the Eastward, hath deprived the town of its Principal Resources and greatly

increased the Price of Wood and otherwise very much obstructed the little Trade it had left—That the Town being constantly exposed to sudden Attacks and Depredations of the Enemy render it unsafe was it in its Power to furnish Men to be remov'd to any considerable Distance, all which distressing Circumstances consider'd must make it appear to every Impartial Person That the State and Continental Taxes for this Town ought to be reduc'd in Proportion to the Reduction of their Trade and Augmentation of their other Distresses—

Portsmouth September the 29th 1779

A. R. Cutter
John Parker
John Pickering
Peirse Long

Portsm° Octob^{r} 5th 1779—
a True Copy Attest

John Penhallow Town Clerk

[9-124] [*Relative to Town Affairs, 1780: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Portsm° at their Annual Meeting held this day by Adjournment taking into their consideration the very large and disproportionate Tax laid on them by Government. for the present Year, and being fully Conscious of their utter Inability to discharge it, beg leave to lay before your honors a true State of their Present unhappy Scituation, and leave it with your honors to Judge how, & in what manner you can best Alleviate & redress their suffrings.—

This being a Sea-Port Town, the Inhabitants depend intirely on Trade & Navigation for their Support;—when this fails them, they must soon be reduc'd to Poverty & want.—How far this has been the case will appear.—

In the Year 1774 the Shipping belonging to this Port amounted to twelve thousand Tons,—this by a gradual diminution from that Period is now reduc'd to about five hundred Tons.—This has not only been a Loss of so much Trade to the Town—of employment to the Mechanic & Labourer—but a total Loss of so much Property to the several Individuals.—at least 7/8ths of the Shipping (by an exact estimate lately made) which sailed from this Port since last fall. has since been taken or lost.—The Depreciation of the Currency and high price for the necessaries of Life, have been another source of misfortune & Loss to this Town which has been necessarily Ondebted to the Country for the chief of such supplies, for which the bulk of the People have had nothing to pay but money—whilst the

former has been supplied within himself,—his chief Stock that is, his Lands, remaining whole—nor has this Town sustain'd greater Loss, in what its Inhabitants have purchased than in what they have been forc'd to sell—Many suffer'd extreamly & some were ruin'd by the Regulating Act—Vast quantaties of Rum & other Merchandise were sold at the Stipulated Prices, while in a month or two afterwards five times the sum would not replace the same Articles.—And what added sorely to this misfortune—there was an Act, or Order of this State Compelling People to deliver up Particular Articles at the Stated Price, on pain of having them taken from them by force—And these were not Paid for by the Publick till the Articles had risen in value—Ten-fold.—

The Act pass'd in the begining of the War obliging the Inhabitants of the Isle of Shoals to remove from thence, has thrown the Poorer sort of them upon this Town, and added greatly to the expences thereof.—The Annual charges of which for the support of the Poor the present year, being like to Amount to at least Eighty thousand Pounds.—The Lodgment of the Enemy at the Eastward—hath amazingly increas'd the Price of Wood & otherwise much Obstructed the little Trade we had left—Another very great Loss has been sustain'd by Persons in the Town who have had large sums of money at Interest in the Country, who have sunk 7/8^{ths} of such Estates—by being forced to receive their several Debts at the Nominal Value—Add to all this the Great Loss the Town suffer'd on the Alarm about 3 Years ago, in being Oblig'd so suddenly to remove with their Effects out of Town, the Expence of moving; the Damage & loss of Such Effects; & the Charge of keeping them so long in the Country.—

These, and many other causes which it would be tedious to mention, have reduc'd this once flourishing Town,—to its Present low & distress'd Scituation—A Scituation—more deplorable than that of any Sea-Port Town on the Continent, that has not been Actually in the hands of the Enemy—Multitudes are reduced from easy Circumstances, to want & beggary, and half the Inhabitants at least have frequently been without Bread or Fuel—

From this Account of our Scituation, your honors will Judge whether we are in a Capacity to pay such a Tax as we are Assess'd.—We leave it wholly with your honors to admit what part thereof you think Just. and we doubt not it will be no Inconsiderable part thereof—

State of New-Hampshire Portsmouth

At a Town meeting held the 13th day of June 1780 by adjournment Voted. that the above Report be accepted—and that

John Pickering & J M Sewall Esq^{rs} be a Committee to enforce the same at the Genl Court in behalf of ye Town

John Penhallow Town Clerk

To be considered by the Com^{tt} of the Whole

[9–125] [*Instructions to Representatives, 1780.*]

Att a legal Town Meeting held at the West-Chamber in the State-House in Portsm^{o} by Adjournment Nov 27th 1780—

Voted, that the following Instructions be given to the Representatives of this Town Viz

To William Whipple John Langdon and George Gains Esq^{rs}

Gentlemen,

Your re-election at this important crisis, is a fresh testimony of the affection of your Constituents and of our confidence in your abilities and integrity; but as we judge you desirous to find yourselves supported in the faithful discharge of the high trust reposed in you by our suffrages, we have thought fit to give you the following Instructions while we depend upon your best exertions to carry them into effect.

It is not to be expected, amidst the various and important objects which must demand your consideration in the present situation of public affairs, we should pretend to point out any, but such as ought to engage your earliest attention: of which kind we esteem the filling up this State's quota of the Continental army during the war; providing every thing necessary, & convenient for officers and privates, establishing their pay upon a certain and unfailing basis, and punctually complying with all promises made them. The least inattention to this momentous object, we consider both impolitic and criminal.

At a time when our obstinate foes are pluming themselves on their skill in financing, building their fond hopes of conquest upon our want of experience in that art, and the failure of our paper currency; while our agriculture, alliances and resources are increasing, with pungent sorrow, we behold our medium of trade, the nerves and sinnews of our defence labouring under the loss of public faith! Without enquiring into the policy of former administrations, or faulting them for not providing funds adequate to its support, or for taking other measures to prevent its depreciation, which have had a contrary effect; realizing that public and private credit must ever be supported by integrity and honour; we instruct you to revise all the laws now existing respecting our paper-currency, and to use your influence for the repeal of any inconsistent with those principles; and for

enacting such as shall give credit and permanency to the currency, rescue the widow and orphan from the hand of oppression and injustice, and fix a lasting criterion for commutative justice between the subjects of this state, that none in future may have just cause of complaint.

Convinced from reason and experience, that all embargoes and restrictions of trade between the States, are anticommercial and tend to destroy the harmony and friendly intercourse which the principles of the american constitution are calculated to encourage and cherish, we recommend it to you not to consent to any such embargoes and commercial restrictions but on the contrary that you upon all occasions strive to preserve the most intimate cordiality and friendly intercourse between these states, ever emulous, with care and caution, to nurture and bring to maturity a plant of such nice contexture.

The protection of our Seacoast and frontiers is so necessary & will so naturally come under your consideration, it would be needless to instruct you about it.

The frequent and almost constant alteration in the number of inhabitants, and quantity of property in many of our towns, evince the expediency of making a new proportion of public taxes annually.—We need not mention to you, the Representatives of this once commercial flourishing town, its present impoverished, distressed condition as a forcible argument for the alleviation of our public taxes.

Acting in the legislative department, you will not be unmindful of the judicial; but studiously endeavour, to render the courts of law independent of every kind of undue influence, while you provide salaries for the justices of the superior court of judicature, adequate to the arduousness and importance of their office; the final decision of property and life.

With deep concern we notice, the almost unbounded jurisdiction given by many acts of the state to Justices of the peace, whereby the trial by jury is curtailed, and the grand palladium of our liberty and security endangered, wherefore we instruct you to use your influence for the repeal of such acts or clauses therein and to prevent the like in future

Agreeably to the desire expressed in the precepts for chusing members of the General Assembly, we impower and instruct you to vote for calling a convention for the purpose of forming a new and permanent plan of Government.

Pleased to see the last General Assembly sitting at the antient seat of government and present seat of intelligence in the very house built and designed for that purpose we reasonably expect you will solicit the General Assembly of which you are members, to sit here also, in which we entertain the pleasing hopes of your success, as their sitting here abstracted from other

motives, will be as convenient for the members in general, if not more so, than the place where they are to convene

The proper security and humane treatment of prisoners of war, at this unhappy period, is an object which merits your attention, and for which purpose, places more suitable for their reception and confinement should be immediately provided.

We wish an enquiry into the State of the treasury as well as frequent adjustments of all public accounts.

In fine encourage cherish and protect literature and the sciences, virtue and piety—conform all your measures to the eternal rule of rectitude and you cannot fail of the applause of your fellow citizens and of the approbation of your own consciences.—

Portsmouth November 29th 1780—

Attest John Penhallow Town Clerk

[R. 3-159] [*Memorial of Maj. Samuel Sherburne: addressed to the General Assembly, 1780.*]

The Petition of Saml Sherburne of Portsmouth in the state aforesaid sheweth. That on or about the last of July 1778, your Petitioner in compliance with a recommendation of the Honbl Committee of Safety, to the Militia of this state, voluntarily turned out & put himself under the command of Genl Sullivan on an expedition against Rhode Island. That he was there appointed to the office of Brigade Major and in ye action of the 29th of August [1778] lost his left Leg by a shot from the Artillery of Enemy. He therefore requests to receive the benefits appointed by Congress in such cases, and to be put on ye half pay establishment to commence from ye day of his being wounded—and that ye surgeons Bill may be allowed—and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Saml Sherburne

[In council, June 16, 1780, he was allowed £890 for his doctor's bill.—Ed.]

[R. 3-160.]

[Simeon Fernald, under date February 3, 1780, stated that when the expedition was formed against Penobscot he enlisted and went on board the ship Hampden, but escaped in a boat when the ship was captured. He was sick, and died three days after, as certified by Dr. Hall Jackson, February 12, 1780, at which time his widow, Margery, applied

for relief, stating that she had six small children, and was destitute.—Ed.]

[R. 3–163.] [*Petition of Mrs. Lewis for an Allowance, 1780.*]

To the Honourable the Councile and the House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire Now Convened at Exeter for the Dispatch of Business. The Humble Pition of Elizabeth Lewis of Portsmouth, Humbly Sheweth to your honours That when it was the sovereign Pleasure of the suprem Director of all Human Events to Permit a Spirit of Timidety to Seize the Bulk of the British Nation in Suffering their Rulers to Pursue such a Systim of Policy Disgracefule to them as a Nation Inasmuch as their Conduct was Unjustifiable by the Fundamentals of their own Constitution and when it Become the Indispinsible Duty of the Inhabitants of these States for the Preservation of their Own Libertys as well to Guard the sacred Disport the Natural Rights of Posterity to embody a Number of its Freeman to Counteract the Flagitious and Sanguinary Disigns of Evil & Disingning Men—That John Lewis the only Son of your Petitioner Engaged in the Service of his country in troops Raised by this State for the Preservation of American Liberty as Early as the year 1775 That on the 6th Decbr 1776 he Inlisted into the Company of Capt Benjamin Titcomb During the Present war That on the 26th following at the battle of Trenton he served the Sacred Cause & paid the Last Trible Due to his Country by Breathing his Last in its Service. * * * * * *

Portsmo June 10th 1780 Elizabeth her ✕ mark Lewis

[9–127] [*Relative to Parish Bounds: addressed to the General Assembly, Dec. 18, 1782.*]

Humbly shew the subscribers Wardens of the North and South Parishes in Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham and State aforesaid in behalf of the parishioners of said parishes, that the parishes aforesaid not being bounded by any lines, the parishioners of the respective parishes cannot be ascertained without great difficulty and trouble, and when ascertained & taxed to the parochial charges, the collection of a considerable part of the taxes, is often rendered impracticable, by reason of many such parishioners being absent at sea & elsewhere.

The arrearages so incurred and increased from year to year either remain unpaid or are paid by such as have before paid their

quota. The difficulties and burdens aforementioned your petitioners, conceive, would be in great measure removed & the collection of the taxes facilitated, were the parishioners of the respective parishes impowered to assess and lay such parochial taxes on the Pews in the Meeting-houses in each parish, or on the pews, polls & estates of said Parishioners, as might be found most convenient & equitable; and were the Collectors also of each parish impowered to sell at public vendue the pews of the delinquent owners for non payment of future taxes, which may be laid thereon, with incident charges, returning the overplus money, if any, to the owners of the pews so sold: Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray, that, the parishioners of said parishes respectively may be impowered to assess, lay and collect such parochial taxes in manner aforementioned and that your petitioners may be permitted to bring in a Bill for that purpose and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c

John Sherburne, Sam[l] Penhallow, Benjamin Akarman } Wardens of the North Parish

Pierse Long, John Pickering, Thomas Sheafe } Wardens of the South Parish

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[R. 3-166] [*Richard Sherman's Petition: addressed to the General Assembly, 1782.*]

The Petition of Richard Sherman of Portsmouth Humbly Sheweth—That your petitioner enlisted in the Continental service in the year 1777—that at the retreat from Ticonderoga he was wounded by the enemy in the hip: that afterwards, at the Capture of Burgoyne, he was wounded in the arm—and lastly with Gen[l] Sullivan, at Susquehanna, he was wounded in the body the ball passing, after entering the breast, thro' the shoulder;

* * * Rich[d] Sharman

Portsmouth Dec[r] 25th 1782

[R. 3-167] [*Soldiers' Order.*]

Portsmouth August 28th 1782—

Sir—

Please to pay The Town of Portsmouth the whole of wages due to James Lock & Theodore Marston as Soldiers in Cap[t]

Parsons Company in Coll[l] Runnells Regiment Last year for Said Town Being for Value Rec[d] by their Orders—

Simon Marston

To the Hono[bl] Meshack Weare Esq[r]

[R. 3–168] [*Supplies to Soldiers' Families.*]

The Town of Portsmouth To Jeremiah Libby D[r] for Supplies to the Continental Soldiers Familys Since Jan[y] 1, 1781 Viz[t]

1781	William Russells		804.6
	Noah Allards	182.16	
	Edward Goatham	154.10	
	Rich[d] Sheerman	213. 6	
	John Jones	450—	
	John Shute	284. 0	
	John Humble	210.14	
	Thomas Shaw	341—	
			1836 14
			2641. 0
	Commissions @ 10 per c[t]		264—
			£2905.—

Portsmouth March 21, 1781

Errors Excepted

Jeremiah Libbey

the truth & Justice of this Acc[t] was Sworn to by Jeremiah Libbey

Before Geo Gains Jus Peace

[R. 3–169] [*Supplies to Soldiers' Families.*]

The Select Men of the Town of Portsm[o] To Jeremiah Libbey —D[r]

for Supplys to the Following Soldiers Familys Since April 1, 1781 Viz[ts]—

1781	Richard Shermans	100.16
	John Shutes	65. 8
	John Humbles	37. 4
	Noah Allard for his Mother	60—
	Thomas Shaw's	252.12

John Jones's	243.12
Edward Goatham	138.11
	898. 3
Commissions @ 10 per c^{t}	89.16
Lawful m^{y} of the Old Emission	£987.19

Portsm^{o} May 20th 1781

Errors Excepted

Jeremiah Libbey

1781
May 25 By an Order on Coll^{l} Akerman for the Above Sum £987.19 Jeremiah Libbey—

the truth of this Acco^{t} Was Sworn to by Jere^{h} Libbey

Before George Gains Jus Peace

[R. 3–170]

The Town of Portsmouth To Supply Clap.— D^{r}

For Supplies to the following Soldiers Family's in the Continental Service to June, 1783,—Viz^{t}—

John Jones	£7.16.6
Jon^{a} Shute	5—
Edward Goatham	5. 2
James Jones	3.16—
George Abbott	3.18—
Samuel Odiorne	4.16—
	£30.8. 6
To my Com^{n} on d^{o} @ 10 per Cent—	3.0.10
	£33.9. 4

Portsmouth June 1783 Errors Excepted,—

Supply Clap.

[R. 3–171] [*Bounties to Soldiers.*]

John Collins in 1778	5,15, 7	Thomas Shaw	24, 2,7
Noah Allerd 1780 & 1781	4,13, 9	William Busull	19,10,0
John Jones	58,19, 3	Abraham Senter	5, 4,3
Edward Gotham	23,18, 2	Robert Stockle	1,14,2
David Duncan	7, 4,11	Stephen Swetser	4,16,8
Philip Cooper	9,13, 6	Thomas Waters	5, 3,5

Wm Gale	4, 3,10	Joseph Hull	3,16,6
Richd Sherman	28,19,10	John Shute	28, 4,0
Geo Abbot	24, 4, 6	John Humble	8,16,0
Solomon Abbot,	1,15, 3	James Jones	4, 8,3
Benja Cross	2, 1, 9		
			276,19,2
Philip Cooper Dr to Selectmen Portsmouth			19,3
			277,18,5

In Committee on Claims

Portsmouth 13, 1785 The above Sums (amounting to Two Hundred Seventy seven pounds eighteen shillings & five pence) advanced by the Town of Portsmouth for Bounties & supplies have been deducted from the above Soldiers depreciation

Exd per Josiah Gilman

Portsmo June 14th 1785—

Recd an Order on the Treasr for the above Sum
In behalf of Selectmen—

Geo Gains

[*Portsmouth Men in the Revolution—Copied from Revolutionary Papers in Secretary's Office.*]

[P. 49] Jedediah Nock, age 25, Cilleys Regt in 1778
Edward Smith, age 40, " " "
[P. 53] Samuel Johnson, age 45, " " "
[P. 55] George Yeaton, age 17 Nathan Hale's Batt.
George Abbott, age 36 " " "
Abraham Senter, age 27 " " "
John Davis, age 22 " " "
Roberts Stockels, age 31 " " "

The 6 following enlisted in Capt. James Carr's Company and received each £20, bounty

	Age	Enlisted
[P. 265] John Wright	21	Feb. 11, 1777
John Rawlins	22	" 17, "
Thomas Quint	19	" 17 "
Thomas Warren	21	Mar. 10 "
Abraham Senter	28	Feb. 17 "
John Mehon	47	" 17 "

[P. 63] John Archibald, & Samuel Lear, Cap. Carr's Co.

[P. 295] Soldiers enlisted for the Town of Portsmouth for three month, Sept 1781—

Sam[l] White Cate	James Lock	Jon[a] Blue
John Clark	John Mills	Joseph True
Solomon Rundlett	Enoch Butler	Ezekiel Knowles
Wm Marden	Theodore Martin	Benj[a] Page
W Y. Ham	Jer[h] Avery	Tho[s] Ayers

[P. 325] [Men in 2d N. H. Reg't, Camp New Hampshire Village, Feb. 14, 1781: Noah Allard, Matthias Welch. The latter belonged in Portsmouth, but enlisted for Rochester.]

[9-130] [*Vote on the Eighth Article of Confederation.*]

At a Town Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Portsmouth held October 23, 1783

The Recommendation of Congress for making an Alteration in the Eighth Article of the Confederation being taken into Consideration—

Voted—

That the Representatives of this Town be not Impowered to Comply with said Recommendation, but on the Contrary be & hereby are Instructed to Oppose it

Portsmouth October 27th 1783

A True Copy

Jeremiah Libbey Town Clerk

[See Vol. XI, p. 318.—Ed.]

[9-133] [*Petition of the Wardens of Queen's Chapel: addressed to the General Court, Feb., 1785.*]

Humbly sheweth

The Wardens of the Parish of Queen's Chapel in Portsmouth in said State in behalf of the Parishioners

That it hath been the constant practice of said Parish to tax the pews in said Chapel & the polls of the parishioners for the Support of the Ministry, repairs of the Church and other Expences of the Parish—that many of the Owners of pews in said Chapel have been greatly delinquent in the payment of the parish Taxes and some of the parishioners have been obliged to advance considerable Sums more than their proportions of the necessary Expences of said parish, that the said parish conceiving this an unreasonable Burthen have voted that their Church Wardens petition your honors that your honors would be pleased to pass an Act to enable and impower the Church Wardens for the time being to make sale of the pews of the Owners who are delinquent as aforesaid for the payment of their

Taxes now in Arrear and unpaid & for any Delinquency that may be hereafter and your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray, &c—

Geo: Jaffrey } Church
Geo: Turner } Wardens

Portsmouth October 17th 1785—

[The foregoing petition was granted by an act passed March 2, 1786.—Ed.]

[9–138] [*Relative to the laying out of a Road: addressed to the General Court, June, 1786.*]

Humbly shew the subscribers, Selectmen of Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham & State afores[d] in behalf of the inhabitants of said Portsmouth, that Willam Weeks, Ephraim Pickering & Joseph Dow, Esquires, as a Committee appointed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for said County to lay out a road from that which runs by Rye Meeting House to Long Lane so called, did on the 5th day of May 1784 lay out and make return of the same in the following words viz. "We y[r] subscribers appointed by the hon[ble] Court of General Sessions of the peace to lay out a road from that, which runs by Rye Meeting House to Long Lane, so called, have done the same in the following manner viz Beginning at the Southeast corner of land of Samuel Rand and Benjamin Marden. thence running on the Easterly Side of said Land, North about 31 degrees west 80 rods, thence North 15 degrees west through a corner of Samuel Dowse Foss's land, leaving as much off a corner of said Rand and Marden's land into s[d] Foss's land on this point 11 rods—to be fenced by the Parish of Rye, thence Northwest about 40 degrees 180 rods to Portsmouth Line—which road we have laid out two rods wide and have estimated the land being two acres and twenty two rods at ten pounds ten shillings to be paid to y[e] said Rand and Marden by the Parish of Rye—the removing and building 171 rods of fence to be done and paid by the said Parish of Rye—From the said Portsmouth Line we proceeded North about 47 degrees West on the Easterly side of Mark Lang's land 173½ rods, thence on the same course on the Easterly Side of Sherburne's land 121 rods to the said Long Lane road—It appeared to us, that, there was a privilege of a road three rods wide from said Long Lane to Newcastle and Portsmouth Line, nearly in the same place where we have laid out said road, and we have Estimated the making 173½ rods of Fence at thirty pounds to be paid to M[r] Mark Lang by the Town of Portsmouth and the making of 121 rods of fence at

twenty one pounds three shillings to be paid to said Sherburne by said town of Portsmouth—Your petitioners further shew; that said Committee did by mistake report that they had laid out said road from Portsmouth to Newcastle Line on the Easterly Side afs^{d} Lang's and Sherburne's lands, when the s^{d} ancient road does not run thro their lands, but thro' the lands belonging to other persons, said Committee did also awarde large damage to said Lang and Sherburne to compensate them for making the number of rods mentioned in s^{d} report when in fact their fences then stood on the Westerly bounds of said ancient Road, that running by the westerly side of their lands, which Road your petitioners, conceiving to be laid out as it was anciently reserved for that purpose, have actually laid open and expended large sums of money in making the same passable, which must be entirely lost and the public greatly injured unless ye road as actually opened and made as afores^{d} should be established, Wherefore they in behalf of s^{d} Inhabitants, pray, that the return of the said Committee, so far as it respects the laying out of s^{d} road by them thro' said Portsmouth and the proceedings of the General Sessions afores^{d} thereon may be vacated and nullified, and that your petitioners may be enabled to get the s^{d} ancient Road established as the law directs, and they as in duty bound will ever pray &c

John Noble
John Sparhawk
Wm Gardner
} Selectmen of Portsm^{o}

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 4, 1787, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill.]

[9-139] [*Relative to Duties on Imported Goods: addressed to the General Court, June, 1787.*]

Humbly shew the subscribers, that they have been taxed in common with the other subjects of the State towards the support of government, which they have always chearfully paid—besides which your petitioners being concerned in trade & navigation have been and are subjected to a heavy impost duty on articles imported by them in the necessary course of their business—Which additional tax while trade was in a less embarrassed condition & when received by the Impost-Officer in orders on the Treasurer of the State, was more tolerable—but the increasing distress, nay almost destruction of our commerce, and the unreasonable denial of the Impost-Officer to take in payment of the duties, orders on the Treasurer, have rendered the payment thereof impracticable, Your Petitioners would humbly

suggest, that while they are deprived by law of the means of compelling their debtors to pay in Specie, and while the public neglect to pay, or refuse to receive their own orders in favor of the subject, for public duties it must be impossible for your petitioners to pay the same, and therefore unreasonable in the public to exact or expect the payment thereof. Your Petitioners cannot investigate the reasons, why some orders on the Treasurer should be receivd by the Impost-Officer and others rejected—why some subjects are indulged to pay in Facilities and others compelled to pay in Specie, Were the Legislature to decline receiving for such duties such orders it would (your Petitioners fear) in the present exhausted condition of the State-Treasury, and critical situation of government give the finishing blow to public credit, and prove a strong temptation to smuggling—Wherefore your petitioners pray that the Impost-Officer may be directed to receive in payment of any Impost duties, any such orders, or that the Legislature in their wisdom and justice would otherwise redress the grievance under which your petitioners labor, and they as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Neil McIntire	Alexander Ewen	Peter Pearse
Elip^{t} Ladd	Sam^{ll} Storer	A R Cutter
Samuel Hill	Abel Harris	Nathl Folsom
Thomas Sheafe	Moses Woodward	Aaron Hill
James Sheafe	Peter Coues	Edmund H Quincy
Wm Sheafe	Tim^{y} Mountford	W Gardner
Nathl Adams	Robert White	Benjamin Slade
Richd Champney	Richard Tibbets	Saml Chamberlain
Hall Jackson	Jon^{a} Hamilton	Robt Gerrish
Jacob Sheafe	J^{no} Sheafe	George Dorey
Jacob Sheafe junr	Joseph Champney	Robert Parker
Clement Storer	Reuben Shapley	Samuel Fernald
Jos: Haven	John Goddard	John Salter
Danl R Rogers	Reuben Billings	Stephen Chase
Nathl A. Haven	Supply Clap	Samuel Haven Ju
Francis Borland	Th^{o} Martin	Benj^{a} Dearborn

To lay

[9–140] [*Petition to have imported Books exempted from Duties: addressed to the General Court, 1787.*]

The memorial of Nathaniel Adams in behalf of the Proprietors of the Portsmouth Library humbly shews that said Proprietors have at a great expence, for the purpose of promoting learning and knowledge laid the foundation of a Publick Library, to which they are continully making additions by the im-

portation of the works of the latest and most celebrated Authors, but they find themselves subjected to the additional expense of the Impost upon all their importations, which they conclude was not the intention of the legislature to lay upon a matter so generally advantageous to the Community

They therefore pray the hon^ble^ Legislature to take the matter into their wise consideration and to remit the impost upon the books which may be imported by said Proprietors for said Library, and as in duty bound will ever pray—

Nathl Adams for said Proprietors

Portsm^o^ Decr 14th 1787

[9–141] [*Selectmen's Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to build a Market-House: addressed to the General Court, 1790.*]

The petition of the subscribers selectmen of the town of Portsmouth—

Sheweth that your petitioners were empowered by a vote of the town of Portsm^o^ in March last to apply to the General court for a lottery for the purpose of erecting a market house in said town—as the tickets in this case would be principally disposed of among the inhabitants and as the town cannot conveniently raise the money in any other mode and it being equally beneficial to the adjacent country as to said town—

They therefore pray the hon^ble^ court to grant them permission to raise a sum not exceeding nine hundred pounds for the purpose of building said market house & that the select men & assessors be the managers of said lottery—

Portsmouth June 1790

The assessors are

Daniel Rindge
Thos Martin
Aaron Hill
John Noble
A R Cutter
} Esq^rs^

Woodbury Langdon
John Peirce
Jeremiah Libbey
James Sheafe
} Selectmen

[9-143] [*Petition for the Incorporation of the First Parish: addressed to the General Court, 1791.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Wardens of the first Parish in Portsmouth in said State humbly sheweth—

That the Parishioners of said Parish at their late Meeting taking into consideration the state of their parochial affairs & not finding themselves legally empowered to transact some of their most important & necessary business, did by their Vote Authorize & direct the Wardens of said Parish to petition your Honors "that said Parish might be incorporated by the Name of the first (or North) Parish in Portsmouth." Your Petitioners therefore in compliance with said direction do, in behalf of s^d^ Parishioners, humbly request that an Act may be passed investing s^d^ Parish with all the rights & Privileges belonging to an incorporated Society—

And as in duty bound pray

Geo Gains
Elisha Hill
John Goddard

[In H. of Rep., June 3, 1791, the prayer of the petition was granted, and the parish was incorporated June 15, 1791.—Ed.]

[9-146] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the Episcopal Church: addressed to the General Court, 1791.*]

Humbly shew the Subscribers, Church Wardens of the Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, that the society or episcopal parish aforesaid labour under many inconveniences for want of a legal incorporation;

Wherefore they pray in behalf of said Society that your Honors would by law incorporate said society into a body corporate and politick by the name of Christs Church in Portsmouth with all the privileges and immunities necessary or incident to a religious parish or society, to enable them to hold said church, church yard and lands purchased by said parish and grants or endowments that have been heretofore or may be hereafter made the same, And in the name of the Church Wardens of said Parish for the time being to sue for demand and recover, any real or personal property belonging to said parish, of any person whomsoever who hath illegally possessed or may hereafter possess himself thereof. And also to change or alter

the name of said Church from Queen's chapel to Christ's Church

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Portsmouth Feby 5th 1791

Geo : Turner } Church
Thos Thompson } Wardens

[The church was incorporated February 11, 1791, and the name changed from Queen's chapel to St. John's church. —Ed.]

[9–147] [*Universalist Society for Incorporation, 1793.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State afores^{d} Proprietors and Owners of a certain piece of land situate in said Portsmouth with the building thereon, called and known by the name of the Universalist-Meeting-House, Humbly shew—That your Petitioners being desirous of becoming a body-corporate for the purpose of assessing and levying taxes from time to time for the sole purpose of repairing said building and appurtenances whenever they may deem it necessary, humbly pray that your Honors would pass an Act for the above sole purpose, and Incorporate them by the name of The Universalist society, granting them thereby all and every power necessary therefor and your petitioners as in Duty bound, will ever pray—

Portsmouth 31st May 1793—

Rendal Fernald	George Hart	Abner Blasdel
Peter Pearse	Nathaniel Meleher	Alexander Ewen
John Wendell Junr	Jeremiah Libbey	Richard Jackson
Danl R. Rogers	Peter Coues	Thomas Simes
Wm Plaisted	George Massey	James Grouard
Moses Woodward	George Wentworth	Martin Parry
J. Sheafe	Jon^{a} M Sewall	
John Cutt	Daniel Rindge	

[This petition was granted June 10, 1793.—Ed.]

[9–148] [*Petition for Authority to build a Bridge over Sagamore Creek: addressed to the General Court, Dec. 18, 1797.*]

We the subscribers, inhabitants of Portsmouth and Rye in said state, humbly shew that were a bridge erected over Saga-

more creek from Portsmo[t] to Rye near Benj Lear's house it would shorten the travel & facilitate the communication between said Towns & be of public utility Wherefore we pray that liberty be granted us to build and maintain a bridge there by Subscription, & as in duty bound will ever pray &c—

Edward Sargent	Billy Rand	Jeremiah Berry
Geo. Turner	Samuel Rand	Jonathan Hobbs
Benj Morrell	Nath[l] Rand	William Marden
William Seavey	Joseph L Seavey	Joseph Lock
Joseph Brown	Amos S Parsons	Nathaniel Marden
William Seavey Ju[r]	John Webster	Josiah Webster
James Seavey	Daniel Mason	Rich[d] Webster
John Seavey	Paul Seavey	Samuel Rand
James Seavey ju	Joseph Rand	Joshua Brackett
John Foy	Alexander Salter	Edward Sargent
John Foy Ju	John Salter	Abner Blaisdel
Levi Dearborne	John Carrol	Jacob Sheafe
Samuel Wallis	Joses Philbrick	Isaac Waldron Jr
William Berry	Levi Berry	A R Cutter
Titus Salter		

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 19, 1797, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[9–149] [*Piscataqua Bridge, Cost and Revenue, 1798.*]

This may Certify That the following Statement is a true Extract from the Accounts and books of the Treasurer of Piscataqua Bridge from which it Appears the nett income of the Bridge does not much exceed two per centum p[r] Annum—whenever it shall need repairs the devidend to the Proprietors of course will be greatly diminished,—altho the Bridge is of great public utility—it is now and probably will continue to be to the proprietors a very Unproductive property.

	Dollars.	Cents.
The first Cost of Piscataqua Bridge	65947	·34
Toll Collected from the Bridge from Nov[r] 25th 1794 the Commencement thereof to Nov[r] 25th 1798 is 4 years	8181	·75
Expences on the Bridge since it began to receive Toll, in building a new draw, pay of toll Collectors & sundry necessary repairs and additions (without any charge by the Managers for their service or the Treasurer for receiving and paying the Dividends)	2812	·31

4 Years Nett income being	5369	.44
One Years being one fourth	1342	.36
Interest on the first Cost of 65947.34 Cents at 2 per cent is for one Year	1318	.95

Portsmouth Dec 12, 1798.

Th° Martin Treasurer

Sworn to before R. Cutts Shannon.

[9–150] [*Petition for Incorporation of an Aqueduct: addressed to the General Court, 1797.*]

The Petitioners, Inhabitants of said Portsmouth, Humbly shew :—

That they conceive an Aqueduct for the purpose of watering said Town might be a lasting conveniency to the Inhabitants, and in case of fires would prove a great public benefit; And that the only water that could be applied to that purpose is more than two & one half Miles distant, and that from the Nature of the Ground through which the Aqueduct must pass, being a considerable part of it low marsh & Rockey or Ledge Land, it would necessarily be attended with great expence; They therefore pray that they & such others as may hereafter be interested in it may be incorporated with the exclusive Right and full powers to Effect the purposes aforesaid, & to continue in succession, to them & their heirs and Assigns forever,—and they as in duty bound shall ever pray.—

November 27th 1797

Samuel Hill	Nath[l] A Haven	Thomas Chadbourn
James Sheafe	John Goddard	William Boys
Joseph Whipple	Jon[a] Clark	Dan[l] R Rogers
Jn° S Sherburne	Elip[t] Ladd	Reuben Shapley
Joshua Brackett	John Peirce	John Fisher
A R Cutter	Daniel Rindge	Sam[l] Drowne

[The Portsmouth Aqueduct was incorporated Dec. 19, 1797.—Ed.]

[*Petition of St. John's Lodge, F. and A. M., for an Incorporation, 1799.*]

To the honorable, the General court, of the State of New Hampshire convened at Exeter, on the first Wednesday of December in the year of Light 5799.

Humbly shew the Master, Wardens and Members of *St. John's Lodge in Portsmouth.* That in pursuance of their

sublime institution, which was, for the promoting brotherly love, peace, and good will among mankind, and relief of all distressed brethren; they have raised a small fund, which they are desirous of so securing, that the proceeds may be appropriated for such laudable purposes. They are also desirous of erecting a suitable building for the accommodation of said Lodge at their orderly meetings. But without the aid of this Honorable Legislature, they are unable to secure said fund, or erect such building. They therefore pray your Honors, to grant them an act of incorporation, under such restrictions and limitations as your Honors may deem expedient. They would further observe to this Honorable Legislature, that from a perfect sense of the purity of the institution, (which is well known to many of your Honors as Masons) and of their honest intentions in this application, and a firm belief in the candour, discernment, and good intentions of your Honors, they have the fullest confidence, that no unworthy prejudice can be harboured against them. They therefore now, and will ever, as is their bounden duty as Men, and Masons, to do, most humbly pray the *Grand Architect* of the Universe, that He, would take your honorable Court under his holy protection, and that finally, as a band of Brothers "made perfect" thro' the working of his divine favour, we may all meet upon a level in the *Grand Lodge* of "perfect bliss," under the "Arch of perfect knowledge," where the "word," which was from the beginning, shall be the "Star of light," as a sign, and token, to guide us to joy forevermore.—

From the East of St John's Lodge

November 15th A. L. 5799.

Nathl Adams, G. Master of Masons in Newhamshire
Tho: thompson deputy G. M.
Clement Storer—S. G. W.
Edwd St Loe Livermore
John McClintock Master.
Joseph Willard, } Wardens.
Samuel Larkin— }

Edward J. Long	Charles Treadwell	Theodore Furber
Abraham Isaac	Josiah Dwight	Saml Adams
N. Folsom	William Vaughan	Jon^{a} Clark
John Adams	Thos Manning	And^{w} Halliburton
James Hill	Elijah Hall	James Anise
Charles Chauncy	William Boyd	Jeremiah Hart
John Melcher	Nath^{ll} Dean	John C: Payson
Wm Furness	Jno Underwood	R: Cutts Shannon

George Nutter
Elisha Low
N: Rousselet.
Clem^{t} Jackson
Moses Woodward
George Wentworth
Danl Cutter
Alex^{r} Laing
Willm Rice
Isaac Waldron Jr
William Stavers
Ward Gilman
Charles Blunt
M S Blunt
Reuben Shapley
John Boadge
George Plaisted
Samuel Sherburne
Richard Evans
Elip^{t} Ladd
Joseph Seaward
Ob Lang J^{r}
John Salter
Samuel Hill
Alexander Ewen
Edward Sargent
Woodbury Langdon
Richd Billings

[The foregoing petition contains the names of some of the most prominent men of that time. The penmanship in the original is very fine, and men who can produce its equal are scarce. It was considered by the legislature December 10, 1799, and the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill. The lodge, however, was not incorporated until June 22, 1821.—Ed.]

RAYMOND.

The territory in this town was purchased of an Indian, by Col. Stephen Dudley, in 1717, and went by the name of Freetown.

Col. Dudley was a resident of Exeter prior to this purchase, and was commissioned, Aug. 17, 1717, "Town Major of Freetown," by Gov. Samuel Shute. Freetown was included in the township of Chester on the incorporation of that town, Aug. 27, 1726, and so remained until May 9, 1764, at which time it was set off and incorporated as a parish by the name of Raymond, with full town privileges. At a town-meeting in Chester, held Jan. 26, 1763, the inhabitants gave their consent to the separation, and to the incorporation of Raymond.

The first town-meeting was called by Samuel Emerson, and held May 29, 1764.

By an act passed June 23, 1848, the boundary line between this town and Candia was established.

Among the Revolutionary soldiers from Raymond were the following:

Seth Rice, age 28, Col. Cilley's 1st N. H. Reg't.
William Towle, age 35, Col. Nathan Hale's, 2d N. H. Batt.
Jona. Fullonton, age 19, " "
Joseph Fullonton, age 17, " "
Theo's Lovering, age 18, " "
Ithiel Gordon, age 18, " "
Ezekiel Pollard of R., enlisted Feb. 26, 1778, for Epping.

[9-151] [*Relative to locating a Meeting-House, 1768: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The humble Petition of the Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Parish of Raymond in said Province Sheweth

That the said Parish was incorporated in May A D 1764 and have ever since been destitute of a Meeting house for the Public Worship of God in said Parish

That the Parishoners cannot agree where to set a Meetinghouse altho they have had sundry meetings for that purpose but the major part of the Inhabitants living in the Northeasterly part of said Parish have voted to set the Meetinghouse about a Mile from the northeasterly side line of said Parish which will greatly discommode many of the Inhabitants of the upper part of said Parish which is likely in a Short Time to be the best part of said Parish

That your Petitioners humbly conceive that if the Meetinghouse was to be placed as near the Center of the Parish as possible it wou'd accommodate all the Inhabitants that now are or hereafter may be settled there And as some of your Petitioners live almost five Miles from the place proposed & voted to set the said House which is to your Petitioners a great Greivance and if so done will be to them a heavy Burthen—

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray the interposition of your Excellency and Honors in this matter & that a disinterested Committee may be appointed to view the said Parish & report where they shall think most proper for said House to stand to accommodate the Inhabitants in the best manner and that such Report may be established or that your Petitioners may be otherwise releived in such way & manner as your Excellency and Honors in your Wisdom shall see fit

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall pray &c

Raymond Octo^{r} 1768

David Lane	Jonas Clay	Samuel Brown
Obadiah Griffin	Ephraim Currier	John Wells
Daniel Clay	Alexander Smith	Stephen Gale

Jonathan Palmer	Joseph Giles jun^{r}	James Bean
James Crow	Clement Dollaf	Benj^{a} Prescut
Ezekiel Lane	John Leavit jun^{r}	Nicholas Gilman
Daniel Lord	John Leavit	Stephen Dudley
Ezekiel Morse	Gilman Dudley	Joseph Smith
William Todd	William S Healy	Samuel Cram
Samuel Healy	Danl Richardson	Alex^{r} McLane
Jonathan Palmer jun^{r}	Christ^{r} Richardson	John Sweat
Joseph Giles	John Hams	
	Stephen Thirston	

[In H. of Rep., Oct. 28, 1768, "The Parties being heard upon this petition and agreeing upon a Committee to be appointed. Voted that John Webster Col^{o} Ebenezer Stevens Esqr and Capt Eliphalet Merrill be a committee for the purpose mentioned." The following is their report:—Ed.]

Province of New Hamp^{s} Nov. 11th 1768, pursuant to the aforegoing vote, we have viewed the said Parish, & agree to report that we think the Site of a meetinghouse at the westerly end of the Lot No. 37, Laid out to Samuel Shaw, at a place called Sled Hill, will best accommodate said Parish—which is humbly submitted by

John Webster
Eben^{r} Stevens } Committee
Eliphalet Merrill

[A beginning was made at this place, and at other places at various times, but no meeting-house was completed for use until 1786.—Ed.]

[9-152] [*Vote of Town relative to locating the Meeting-house, 1769 and 1770.*]

Att a Legal Meeting held at the house of Lieut Benj^{a} Beans in Raymond on monday the 3^{d} Day of July 1769

1^{ly} John Dudly Esqr Chosen Moderator to Govern said meeting

2^{ly} Put to vote to see if the Parish will Set the meeting house where the Committee from Court had fixed it before, a Despute a Rose and a poll Demand and granted and it Passed in the firmetive

a True Coppy Jon^{a} Swain Parish Clerk

[9-154]

Att a Legal Meeting held at the house of Lieut Benj^{a} Beans in Raymond on monday the 5th of march 1770—

a mongest other things: Put to vote to See if the Parish will Chuse a Committee to build the meeting house in said Parish where the Committee from the genral Court had Purfixed it and it Pased in the negitive—

Raymond march the 7th 1770—

a True Copy Test Jona Swain Perish Clerk—

[9–154] [*Relative to the Election of Representative: addressed to the H. of Rep., April 7, 1774.*]

The humble Complaint and Petition of the Subscribers Select men of the parish of Candia in the township of Chester in said Province for and in behalf of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Parish of Candia, And also the Selectmen of the Parish of Raymond in said Township of Chester for and in behalf of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Parish of Raymond

Most Humbly Sheweth—

That the said Freeholders and Inhabitants of Candia and Raymond humbly Conceive that they have a Legal Right to vote in the Choice or Election of a Representative to represent them in the General Assembly of this Province, that they Usually were Notified to Attend and vote in such Elections, at the Town of Chester Joyntly with the Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Town of Chester—

That the Freeholders of said town of Chester on the Fourth day of April Instant Met at said Chester and Elected John Webster Esqr to represent them in this present General Assembly, without giving notice to the Freeholders of Either of the said Parishes of Raymond or Candia to Meet and Join with them in that Election, whereby the Freeholders of the Parishes conceive they are deprived of the priviledge of being Represented in any manner in the said General Assembly, and that the said Election of the said John Webster is Illegal—Wherefore your petitioners Pray that your honours will declare the said Election Void, and order a New Election, or otherwise relieve your petitioners in such way and manner as your honours in your Great Wisdom shall see fit, and your Petitioners shall ever pray &c

Moses Baker for himself & Abrm Fitts & Walter Robie } Selectman of Candia

John Dudley for himself & Ebenezer Cram & Thomas Gorden } Selectman of Raymond

[In H. of Rep., May 12, 1774, the election was declared illegal, "set aside," and a precept ordered to be issued for a new election.—Ed.]

[R. 3-184] [*Supplies to Soldiers.*]

An Accompt of what is Ben paid to the Soldiers for the year 1782 that Listed into the Contenelt Service Dureing the ware by this parish of Raymond

William Towle Dr [items omitted]	£14.11.5
Eliph[t] Gorden Wife Dr	£ 4. 6.8
James Wells Dr To Cash	£ 4.16.0

Francis Hodgkins, Elisha Towle, John Fullonton } Selectmen of Raymond

[Sworn before John Dudley.]

January 24—1783 Serg[t] William Towle have Received fourteen pounds eleven shillin & five pence according to the within acc[t]

William Towle

[R. 3-185]

This may Certify to all whome it may Concern that Judith Wormwood the wife of William Wormwood, was the wife of nehemiah Leavitt, late of Raymond Decs[t].

Dated at Raymond September 10th 1792

pr. Jona. Swain Just Peace
Levi Swain Select man

[9-155] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham ss

Raymond Dec[r] 10th 1783—

Pursuant to Orders from the Generall Court of this State we have Nombered all the Polls That is Twenty one years of age & upward paying Tax for them Selves and Do find them to be one hundred and seventeen

Sam[ll] Nay, Thomas Gorden, Matthias Haines } Select Men of Raymond

[Sworn to before John Dudley, justice of the peace.]

[9-156] [*Samuel Nay recommended for J. P., 1785.*]

To The Honb[l] President & Counsel We the Subscribers recommend that Sam[l] Nay of Raymond in the County of Rockingham might have the Commiss[n] of a Justice a peice & we think very Sutible person as witness our hands State of Newhampshire Raymond Aug[t] 29: 1785

Thomas Bean	Joseph Dudley Ju[r]	caleb smith ju[r]
Rich[d] Robinson	Caleb Smith	Thomas Gorden
John folsom	Nath[l] Dudley	Josiah meloon
Daniel Todd	John Stevens	James Merrill
Jeremiah Holman	Reuben Tilton	Levi Brown
William Towl	Alexander Smith	Joseph Clifford
Benj[a] cram	Samuel Chapman	John Fullonton
John Osgood	Daniel moody	Samuel Cram Ju[r]
Francis Hodgkins	Jeremiah Conner	Jacob Lane
Timothy osgood	Isaack Smith	Ebenezer Page
Josiah Fogg	Theophilus Loverin	John Gilden
Josiah Robinson	Elisha Towle	Joseph Gliden
Ebenezer Prescut	Simon Page	Daniel Loverin

[Nathaniel Dudley was appointed J. P. Feb. 20, 1786.—Ed.]

RICHMOND.

The township was granted February 28, 1752, to Joseph Blanchard and others, in 71 shares.

In 1760, the grantees having represented that in consequence of trouble with the Indians they had been unable to comply with the conditions of the grant, an extension was granted "until His Majesty's Plenary Instructions shall be received." This extension was granted by the governor and council June 11, 1760.

By the grant above mentioned, Richmond territory extended as far north as the north-east corner of Swanzey, there running to a peak. This triangular tract, with a base on Swanzey south line of 3½ miles and 40 rods, was severed from Richmond and annexed to Swanzey December 11, 1762.

Another portion of the town was taken off June 23, 1815, combined with portions of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, and Swanzey, and incorporated into the town of Troy.

By an act approved July 2, 1850, the north-west corner of the town was annexed to Winchester.

Richmond men in 1st N. H. Reg't, Revolution:

Thomas Powers, enl'd Jan. 1, 1777, dis. Dec., 1781.
Corp'l Abner Powers, enl'd Feb. 13, 1777, dis. Dec., 1781.
Noah Porter, enl'd Jan. 1, 1778, dis. Dec., 1780.
Lemuel Rice, enl'd Feb. 14, 1778, dis. Dec., 1781.
Wm. Taggart, enl'd Feb. 4, 1778, dis. Dec., 1781.
Lewis Wisco, enl'd Jan. 1, 1777, dis. Sept., 1781.
Thomas Hunt, enl'd Feb. 1, 1778, dis. Dec., 1781.

[Rev. Pap. p. 295.] [*Soldiers mustered, 1778.*]

Walpole febuary 13th 1778.

this is to Sartifie the town of Richmond that Rufus Whippel hath got mustered thirteen men for the town of Richmond to sarve two years in the Conental Sarvis

Joseph Powers	£74		
peleg Williams Lieut		Nathanel Powers	£74
Jona Willard Ens		Abner Powers	74
		John Symonds	74
John Withy	70	Noah Porter	70
Lewis Wisco	70	John Smith	70
James Wier	70	thomas Stuart	70
Jeams Merrill	70	William tagart	70

[9–157] [*Joseph Blanchard's Plan of Richmond.*]

The Plan Describes a Tract of Land of the Contents of Six miles Square (Lying between the places Called Winchester and Ashuelot and the montanous Land,) Bounded Thus it Begins at the South East Corner thereof at a Beach tree that Stands in the Province line, thence runing in that Line North 80ds West five miles and an half to Winchester Line (so Called) bounded there by a Beach tree and from thence North by the needle in Sd Winchester line five miles and an half to a Stake and Stones the Corner of Winchester in Ashulot line, thence South Seventy Eight degrees East two miles to a Red Oake the Corner of Ashuelot from thence North 39ds East by Ashuelot line Seven miles to a maple tree marked from thence South Six degrees West Six miles One Hundred and Thirty rods to a Beach tree marked from thence South by the Needle five miles to the first Bounds mentioned with An Allowance for One Rod

in forty to be taken out for Wind Falls uneveness, &c : measured With the Assistance of Peter Powers & Josiah Brown, as Chainmen Who were Sworne to the faithfull discharge of that Trust. All the afores[d] Lines Run & marked in December 1752—

Joseph Blanchard Jun[r] Surveyer

[The plan is a simple outline, with points of compass and distances.—Ed.]

[9–158] [*Richmond Proprietors.*]

Joseph Blanchard
Charity Lund
Zacheus Lovewell
Joseph Winn Jun[r]
Peter Powers
John Marshall
Joseph Winn
Joseph French
Joseph Barns
William Cumings
Daniel Emerson
Samuel Kenny
Samuel Cumings
John Chamberlain
Josiah Brown
Peter Powers Jun[r]
Thomas Harwood
Samuel Greele Jun[r]
Samuel Farley
Thomas Colburn
Stephen Powers
John Lovewell Jun[r]
Temple Kendall
Stephen Chase
John Searles
Jonathan Snow
Ephraim Adams
John Butterfield
William Cumings Jun[r]
Elnathan Blood
Sampson French
Benjamin Parker
Benjamin French
Eleaz[r] Blanchard
Joseph Blanchard Jun[r]
Thomas Blanchard
Gideon Honey
Jonathan Chamberlain
Jonathan Parker
Thomas Parker Jun[r]
William Parker
Jonathan Cumings
Jonathan Cumings Jun[r]
Phinehas Underwood
John Usher
Joel Dix
Joseph Read
Eleaz[r] Read
Daniel Rindge
Samuel Greele
Benj[a] Whittemore
John Coombs
John Brown
John Hunt
Joseph Ashley
Elijah Alexander
John Rindge
Joseph Blodget
William Lund Jun[r]
Robert Usher

1 First Minister
2 Glebe for the Church of England
3 Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign parts.
4 Coll[o] Atkinson
5 Richard Wibird
6 Coll[o] Downing
7 Coll[o] Smith
8 Sampson Sheaff
9 J Wentworth
11 500 Acres to the Governor to be laid out together
1 Tract Containing 500 acres to be accounted as two of the within mentioned Sixty Shares
pray that the town may have a Short name

[9–159] [*Justice of the Peace chosen, 1776.*]

A Return of A Leagal Town meeting Held in Richmond in the Colony of New Hampshire on the 15th Day of July Last—
firstly Chose A moderater to govern said meeting then
Voted and made Choice of Lieut Henry Ingalls for a Justice of peace

Attest Henry Ingalls Town Clerk

August ye 2nd AD 1776

Daniel Read } Select men
John Danly }

[9–160] [*Change of Date of Annual Meeting asked for, 1779.*]

state of New Hampshire

To the Honnarable Councel and house of Representatives Convend at Exetor in said state

the prayer of your Humble petitioners sheweth that at our Last annual march meeting the town of Richmond voted pettion your Honors would take it unto your wise Consideration and grant us the previledge to Hold our anual meeting on the first munday of march Annually as the Last wednesday in march is in the season of the year that wee make shuger as your Humble petitioners in Duty Bound shall Ever pray in Behalf of the town

Richmond October ye 20th 1779

Henry Ingalls Town Clerk

[The foregoing petition was granted November 16, 1779, and the annual meeting thereafter was to be held on the first Monday in March.—Ed.]

[R. 3–186] [*Allowances to Soldiers, 1778.*]

[In H. of Rep., August 20, 1778, Jane Hix was allowed £4, 11, 8 for the funeral expenses of her husband, Bernard Hix, who died in the service. He was in Capt. Nehemiah Houghton's Co., Baldwin's Reg't, in 1776. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

[R. 3–188] [In H. of Rep., November 12, 1778, Eleazer Martin, of Capt. Ellis's Co., Scammel's Reg't, who was

wounded near Saratoga, September 19, 1777, was allowed £6, 4 for doctor's bill, and ordered to be entered on the roll for half pay. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

[R. 3–189] [Stephen Harris was allowed £20, 9, 4 for doctor's bills, etc., for his son Joseph, a soldier in Capt. Jones's Co., Col. James Reed's Reg't, who was left sick or wounded "on the march from Ticonderoga to the Jerseys." —Ed.]

[R. 3–190] [*Soldier's Order, 1785.*]

Richmond Jany. 27th 1785.

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire

Sir. Please to pay Danl Cook or order all that is due to my late Brother John Smith, who was a soldier for the Town of Richmond in the 2d New Hampshire Regiment & was drowned in Novr 1781.

Attest—Value Received, Witness my hand

Samuel Smith

[Moses Smith, town-clerk, certifies that Samuel is brother, and sole heir, to the said John.—Ed.]

[R. 3–191] [This document is a memorial from Abner Powers, stating that he remained in the service until May 15, 1782, and explaining why he then left without a proper discharge.—Ed.]

[9–162] [*Oliver Capron for a Magistrate, 1782.*]

The Prayer of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Richmond in Said State Humbly Shews that since the Difficulty subsisted on account of a Number of People Calling themselves of a New State Called Vermont the Town of Richmond hath Laboured under many Inconveniences by Reason of having no Justice of the piece in the town; these are therefore Humbly to Inform the Honourable Court that Major Oliver Capron is a man of an Established good Charctor in this and the Towns Round where He is acquainted and that he is a man that has Ever been firm for the Government of New-Hampshire against the userpation of Vermont and we Humbly Concieve a man Every way accomplished and Capable of performing the

business and trust of a Justice of the piece and that it will be of public benefit that he may be appointed accordingly these are therefore Humbly to pray the Honourable Court to Inquire into the affair and act thereon as you in wisdom Shall think proper and as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

September the third 1782

Barnabas Threesher	Moses Cooley
Benjamin Threesher	James Kingsley
Thoˢ Dillingham	Willᵐ Goddard
Jeremiah Thayer	Jon : Atherton
Jeremiah Thayer Junʳ	peter holbrook
Nehemiah Thayer	Othniel Day
Alles Thayer	

[9–161] [*Instructions to Representative, 1786.*]

At a Legal town meeting held in Richmond the 31ˢᵗ Day of August Last voted to give our Representative the following Instructions to motion to the general Cort at the Next Seting first to not grant the Requesition of Congress at present second to Receive final settlements at six shillings and Eight pence on the pound untill the fiftenth Day of December next for all outstanding taxes third to Call in all publick securitys Drawing Interest that was Isued by this state and Cut them into Certifycats and said Certifycats to pay all state County & town taxes and to pay all Executions or to make paper money to Redeem said securitys and to answer the purposes above said

Richmond September 4ᵗʰ AD 1786

Henry Ingalls Town Clerk

[9–163] [*Henry Ingalls for a Magistrate, 1785.*]

The Prayr of your Humble Petitioners of the town of Richmond in the County of Cheshire and State above Said is that Henry Ingalls of Said Richmond may be appointed and Commissioned a Justice of the Peace as he the said Ingalls has formerly Served in that office to the good Satisfaction of the town and County and as Colonel Capron is already appointed a Justice of the peace in Said Town and living in one corner of Said town it is very Ill Convenient for the people in general in said Town that have Business to Do Before a Justice of the Peace to apply to him and Said Ingalls Liveing near the middle of Said town and on a Large Road we your humble Petitioners Do

think it would be Greatly to the advantage of Said Town to have him appointed

As we are in Duty Bound to Pray

Richmond october the 1st AD 1785

Samuel Gaskell	Peter Martin	Ebenezer Swan
Ezra Allen	Luck Cass	John Bates
Gideon mann	Paul Handy	Paul Aldrich
Oliver Mason	Joseph wing	Moses Martin
Jacob Bump	Moses Buffum	Jonathan Cass
Stephen gaillson	Hezekiah Thurber	Esek Buffum
Jems Ballou	Nathan Wooley	Annias Aldrich
Jems wescot	Gideon mann Jun'r	Nathaniel Aldrich
William Cook	Amos Boorn	Nathan Aldrich
Nicholas Cook	Nathan Ballou	Anthony Sweet
Ebenezer Peters	Nathan Bowen	Jonathan Sweet
Isaac Benson	Nathan wescot	Juner
Aaron Aldrich	Gorge gaillson	James Cook
Solomon Aldrich	John Bolles	
Royal Aldrich	George martin	

[9–164] [*Petition for Henry Ingalls, 1785.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Richmond in the County of Cheshire. Humbly Sheweth, that when the Late Constitution took Place Henrey Ingalls Esqr was Not Reappointed we your Petitioners humbly Pray that the Said Henrey Ingalls may be Reappointed and duely ortherrised to act as A Justice of the Peace for the County aforSaid. for that wee your Petitioners Humbly Conseive that he is a man agreably Qualified for that Important Service and Lives near the Senter of Publick Bisness for the town, and also Sutes the maners and Costums of the People. and your Petitioners Humbly Submits this Petition to your Exelancies Grace Beleving your Exelancey in your Grate wisdom will do the thing that is Right as wee in duty Bound will Ever Pray—

Richmond October 10th AD: 1785

Daniel Read	John Bools	Cadis Boyce
Abraham Man	Levi morey	Allen Grant
Moses Read	Darius Taft	Jonathan Sweet
David Barney	Silas Taft	John Boyce
William Barney	Edmund Ingalls	Nathan Boyce
John Garnsey	Paul Boyce	

[4-165] [*Quakers' Petition to be exempted from Military Duty, 1788.*]

Most Honourd Gentlemen we the Subscribers professing our selves to be peacable Citizens of our Country and having a desire to live in peace with all men not having any desire to Strike against the Laws or Government of our Legislaters but are willing to submit our Selves to the Laws and Governments of our Superiors Neverthless we do most Ardently desire that your Honours would Consider us as to the Melitia act which as it now stands Demands of us that we do bare arms in order to learn the art of war which thing we do assure your Honours we do not Come out against because we have any antipothy against our officers or sivel Government but finding our selves to be under a Law to God and our minds being led we trust by his unering Council we do assure your Honours that it is in point of Concience that we do not Comply with the demands of our officers Humbly request that the General Coart Held in and for our State would take it into their Delibrate Consideration and that their might be some way opned where by we might be Exempted from doing that that is so much against our Conscience as we do assure your Honours we Cannot Comply with the Request of our officers in bearing Arms let Come on us what may theirfore we your humble Petitioners do ardently pray that you would grant unto us the liberty of Concience in this respect and we have in times past dvised with the Honourable General Sullivan who Recommended to us that if we had any Destress made on our bodies or Estates to petition to the General Coart for redress which some of us have Sufferd in some measure also advised by our field officers to petition in like manner

Richmond Decm^{br} ye 22^{d} AD 1788

Jonathan Bolles
Simeon Thayer
Nathaniel Bolles
Aaron Cooley
John Bolles
Josep Newell
Moses Cooley

[9-106] [*Quakers' Petition to be exempted from Military Duty, 1796.*]

The petition of We the Subscribers inhabitants of Richmond in the County of Cheshire in Said State Humble Sheweth: that we are Conscientiously Scrupulous about the Lawfulness of bearing armes or equipting our Salves with armes or larning

the arts of War by attanding on Traneing or Muster Days according to the Law of Said State: Not having so larned Christ or been larnt of him: but Wishing and praying that the time may Shortly Come that the nations may larn War no more: but that they beat there Swords in to plowsheirs and there Spears into pruning hooks and larn agriculture and not War: and We further Shew that We have ever been Loyal Subjects of Said State & have been Willing to pay our propotion of all taxes for the Surport of Civil Government: and We further Shew: that Doubts has arisen in the minds of the Melitia officers of Said Town Where the Constitution and Law of Said State Clears any that are Conscientiously Scrupulous of bearing armes: unlass he is a known and Owned member of the Society of frind (or Quakers): and We further Shew that Said Officers have issued there Warrats and have taken Sum of our property for fines for non attandance at musters &c—Wherefore your petitioners Humble pray that your Honors Would take our hard Case into your Wise Considration: and Grant us Releaf Either by a Bill for that purpose in any Other Way your Wisdom Shall think Best: as in Duty bond Will Ever pray—

Richmond November ye 15th A D 1796—

Jonathan Bolles
Joseph newil
Simeon Thayer
John Bolles Juner
Amos Boorn
Peter Martin
George Martin

Richmond November ye 15th A D 1796—

we the Subscribers Select men of said Richmond hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with the Signors of the within Petition & believe them to be Good & Loyal Citezens of the state of Newhampshire & we Likewise believe they are Conscienciously scrupilous about the Lawfulness of bearing arms

Moses Tyler, Nathaniel Aldrich, Samuel Gaskill } Select Men of Richmond

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RINDGE.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts December 9, 1736, O. S. The territory was sur-

veyed by Nathan Heywood in November, 1738, and the grant confirmed January 24, 1738, O. S. (Feb. 4, 1739, N. S.). The grantees were soldiers or heirs of soldiers who participated in the expedition under Sir William Phipps to Canada in 1690, and were residents of Rowley, Mass., and vicinity;—hence the name of Rowley-Canada, by which the place was known until it was granted by the Masonian Proprietors, February 14, 1749, and called Monadnock No. 1. The town was incorporated February 11, 1768, and received its present name in honor of Daniel Rindge, then an influential member of the council.

Rindge took a prominent part in the Revolution, furnishing two regimental commanders, viz., Col. Enoch Hale, born in Rowley, November 28, 1733, a veteran of the French war, who was in public positions for many years, and died in Grafton, Vt., April 9, 1813, and Col. Nathan Hale, born September 23, 1743, who was in the service from the breaking out of the Revolutionary war until he died a prisoner in the hands of the enemy, at Long Island, Sept. 23, 1780. He was promoted for meritorious services to the rank of colonel.

By an act passed June 17, 1847, the line between this town and Fitzwilliam was established.

[9-167] [*Petition of the Massachusetts Proprietors to have the Township incorporated: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1751.*]

The Petition of Stephen Peabody & Thomas Wood Proprietors of a New Plantation Called Rowly Canada in their own Names and in behalf of the Rest of the Proprietors of s^{d} Plantation—

Most Humbly Sheweth—

That whereas the Great and General Court of the Province of The Massachusetts Bay Granted to John Tyler Joseph Pike & others Officers and Soldiers in the Canada Expedition in the Year 1690 the afores^{d} plantation lying to the Southward of the Mountain Called Grand Monadnock which is of the Contents of Six Miles Square a plan of which being prefer'd to the Said Court of the Massachusetts Bay was approv'd of by the Same and ye Lands Represented by s^{d} plan In 1738 was Confirm'd to the afores^{d} Grantees as by a Copy of the Said Courts proceading in Regard thereto herewith Exhibeted more fully may Apear which Court thought they had good Right So to do by Virtue

of The Charter Granted by Their Mejestees King William and Queen Mary in the first page of which we find as followeth—

"Whereas His Majesty King James the first our Royal predecessor by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England bearing Date at Westminster the Third Day of November in the Eighteenth Year of his Reign did Give and Grant unto the Council Established at Plymouth in the County of Devon for the planting Ruling Ordering and Govening of New England in America and to their Successors and Assigns all that part of America lying and being in breadth from Forty Degrees of Northerly Latitude from the Equinoctial Line to the Forty Eighth Degree of the Northerly Latitude Inclusive and in length within all the breadth afores[d] through out all the Main Lands from Sea to Sea together with all firm Lands Soils Grounds Havenes Ports Rivers Waters Fishings Mines Minerals &c with full power to Alienate" &c—

And a little further in the Same page further Saith "And whereas the Said Council Establish'd at Plymouth in the County of Devon for the planting Ruling Ordering & Governing New-England in America Did by their Deed Indented under their Common Seal bearing Date the Nineteenth of March in the Third Year of the Reign of our Royal Grandfather King Charles the first &c—Give Grant Bargain Sell Enfeeof Alien and Confirm to S[r] Henry Roswell S[r] John Young and others their Associates all that part of New-England in America afores[d] which lyeth and Extendeth between the Great River there Commonly Called Monomack Alias Merimack and a Certain other River there Called Charles River being in the bottom of a Bay there Commonly Called Massachusetts alias Mattachusetts alias Massatusetts Bay and also all and Singuler those Lands and Heriditaments whatsoever lying within Three English Miles on the South part of s[d] Charles River or of any and every part thereof and also all and Singuler the Lands and Heriditaments whatsoever lying and being within three English Miles to the Southward of the Southermost part of Said Bay &c and also all those Lands and Hereditaments whatsoever which lay and be within the Space of three English Miles to the Northward of the Said River Called Monomack alias Merimack or to the Northward of any and Every part thereof and all Lands and Heriditaments whatsoever lying within the Limits afores[d] North and South in Latitude and in Breadth in Length and Longitude of and within all the Breadth afores[d] through the Main Lands there from the Atlantick and Western Sea and Ocean on the East part to the South Sea on the west part"—

And in the Second page of s[d] Charter with Regard to the Lands Contain'd in the Deed afores[d] we find the words following viz—"And whereas our Said Royal Grandfather in and by

his Letters patent under the Great Seal of England bearing Date the fourth Day of March in the fourth Year of his Reign for the Consideration therein mentiond did Grant and Confirm To the Said Sr Henry Roswell Sr John Young & Their Associates Their Heirs and Assigns all the Said part of New-England in America lying and Extending between the Bounds and Limits in the said Indenture Expressed" &c. which was a full Confirmation of s^d^ Lands. But if it Should be Objected That in the Thirty Sixth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second the Said Letters Patents were Cancelld Vacated and Annihilated by a Judgment Given in a Court of Chancery then Siting at Westminster upon a Writ of Scire Facias brought and prosecuted in Said Court against the Governour and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New-England—

with Submission we beg leave to Answer that altho that was the Case the property of the Lands was never Efected thereby—but afterwards In the Third Year of the Reign of King Willim & Queen Mary they by their Charter afores^d^ Incorporated the Colonies of the Massachusetts-Plymouth Province of Main & Nova Scotia into one Province—

And They the Said King W^m^ and Queen Mary Restor'd the s^d^ Massachusetts and Province of Main to the priviledges following viz—

"Provided also That it Shall and may be lawful for the Said Governour and General Assembly to make or pass any Grant of Lands lying within the Bounds of the Colonies formerly Called the Colonies of the Massachusetts-Bay and New-Plymouth & Province of Main in Such Manner as heretofore they might have Don by virtue of any former Charter or Letters patents which Grants of Lands within the Bounds afores^d^ we Do hereby Will and ordain to be and Continue forever of full force and Efect without our further approbation or Consent"—

By all which it apears the Said Court of the Massachusetts-Bay had Good Right full power & Authority to Grant the afores^d^ Township or plantation it being within their Limits assign'd them as afores^d^—

But So it is His Present Majesty King George the Second hath Anex'd part of s^d^ Lands of the Massachusetts-Bay afores^d^ To this His Province of New-Hampshire which brings the s^d^ Rowly-Canada under the Jurisdiction of the Same but we apprehend property is no more Effected thereby than it was in ye Reign of King Charles the Second—Notwithstanding the Endeavours of Some who Call themselves Lord Propriators of the Mason Patent to Suplant us—

Therefore apprehending our Right to Said Plantation to be good are Desireous of Settleing the Same and Settleing a minister &c we find it Necessary we Should be put into a Capacety

to Raise money to Build a meeting House & for other Charges of the plantation and also for our Quota of the Charges of the Goverment in which it now lys when ever your Excellency and Hon^{rs} Shall Call upon us therefor Therefore we Humbly Pray Your Excellency & Hon^{rs} (if in Your Wisdom and Goodness Shall think proper) To Incorporate us into a proper Destrict Vesting us with the usual power and priviledges of Such that we may proceed as above$^{s^d}$ and as in Duty will Ever Pray—

Stephen Peabody
Thos Wood

At a legel meeting of y^{e} proprietors of Rowley Canada Township held at y^{e} House of m^{r} John Wood in Boxford on y^{e} 25th of December 1750 (7^{ly}) voted that Capt Stephen peabody & Thomas Wood be a Committee to go to portsmouth and apply to the Governor and Council their to form our Township Into a deStrect with full power as other Destrects have—

Atest Thos perley, prop. Clark

[9–168] [*Petition for Confirmation of the first Grant: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1750.*]

The Memorial of us the Subscribers humbly Sheweth That Whereas at a great and general Court or Assembly for his majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New-England begun and held at Boston upon Wednesday the 31^{t} Day of May 1738, & continued by Prorogation to Wednesday the 29th day of Novr following & then met January 23^{d}, A Plat of a Tract of Land of the Contents of Six Miles Square laid out by Nathan Haywood Surveyor & Chain men on Oath, to Satisfy a Grant made by this Court to John Tyler Joseph Pike & others Officers and Souldiers in the Canada Expedition in the Year 1690, lying to the Southward of the Mountain called the Grand Monadnock & adjoining to the Township granted to Sam^{ll} Haywood and others, beginning at a Maple Tree—the North easterly Corner of Dorchester Canada Township, From thence running North 32 degrees, East two Miles & one hundred Poles to an heap of Stones, Thence North 22 degrees, East four Miles, Thence North one Mile till it meets with the S^{d} Township granted to Samuel Haywood &c Thence West four Miles by the S^{d} Township to the Southwesterly Corner thereof, Thence North by S^{d} Township three Miles & two hundred and twenty Poles, Thence West 30 degrees South five Miles and one hundred and eighty Poles to a Wild Cherry tree on the Southward of the Grand monadnock afores'd, Thence South one thousand and eighty Poles, Thence East 41 degrees South two thousand five

hundred Perch to an Heap of Stones. Then North 12 degrees, east one Mile to the North easterly Corner of Dorchester Canada Township being the Maple first mentioned, with the allowance of one Rod in thirty for uneven Land and Swag of Chain, and a farther Allowance for ten large Ponds and a large Shrub Swamp about four Miles in Length and a Mile in Breadth And that We have expended Several hundred Pounds in bringing forward the settlement of the S^{d} Township, have built a Saw-Mill, hewed Timber for a meeting house the Same Summer the War broke out with the Indians and also cleared the Roads into the Township and cleared considerable Ground in it, but not expecting help from either of the Governments Sufficient to defend us in a Time of War, we were obliged to desist from bringing forward the Settlement aforsed till the War was over, But this Spring We are purposed to go up with a good Number of men in order to prosecute the Settlement of the S^{d} Township.—

And that Since the afores'd Grant, the Line has been run between the Provinces, and S^{d} Tract of Land granted falls into New-hampshire, and as we are informed Col^{l} Blanchard has either upon a Pretence of Masons Right or of his own head entred upon S^{d} Tract of Land granted as aforesaid and laid it out into two Townships with other Lands, although he must needs know if he would allow himself to consider that S^{d} Tract of land is Several Miles Scetuated and lying to the Westward of the utmost Bounds of Masons Grant

These are therefore humbly to intreat that your Excellency and Honours would not in your Wisdom grant the afores^{d} Premisses granted as in the Manner afores^{d} to the S^{d} Col. Blancherd or any that may petition with or under him, or to any other Persons Who Soever, but would be pleased to reserve the Same to be Confirmed & ratified to us and the other Proprietors who purpose as soon as may be in a Body to prefer a Petition to your Excelency and honours for that End

And Your Memorialists as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray &c

Rowley March 28, 1750.

Stephen Peabody
Thomas Wood
Joseph Hale
Jedidiah Jewet
Humphry Hobson
Joseph Hidden
Jeremiah Jewett
Jonathan Todd

} in the Behalf of the Proprietors

[9–169] [*Counterfeit Money.*]

Rindge May ye 1st 1776

I Reuben Page own that I have Delivered to Lieut Abel Stone one bill of thirty Shillings as soon as I found it was not good S^d Bill I Rec^d of Samuel Parker of Rindge,—the reason of my taking S^d Bill was, S^d Parker wanted Some Velvet that I had got, I told him the S^d Parker that I would not trust it to any person; he the S^d Parker Said he had the Money at home, I told him that if he would fetch the money he Should have the velvet, after the velvet was Cut off, he the S^d parker told me that he had not got the money with him: but he had it at home and if I would go home with him he would pay me; I went with him to get the Money; and as we was a going, he the S^d Parker Said he had the money with him but he wanted to talk with me, he said if I would go into Mr Learned's barn, he would pay me, we went into the barn, and he took out of his pocket a Number of bills, and this amongst the Rest, I Said (Parker) I am afraid this is not a good bill, he Said it is a good bill as ever was look up at the top the Number is plain

Reuben Page

The above was Declared before ye Comm^tee
attest Edwd Jewett Com^tees Clerk

[R. 3–193] [*Daniel Russell, Soldier: addressed to the General Court, 1778.*]

Humbly Shews Daniel Russell of Rindge in the County of Cheshire—a Soldier of Capt Blodgets Company in Col^o Hales Regiment in the Continental Army That at the Battle at Stillwater on the nineteenth day of September A D 1777 he was wounded by a musket ball which passed thro' his body & was disabled from helping himself—that from thence he was carried to the hospital at Albany where he remained till the 21st Day of October following. * * * *

Oct. 30th 1778 Daniel Russell

[He asked for an allowance for doctors' bills, etc., which was granted Nov. 3, 1778, to the extent of £42, 13. He was mustered March 20, 1777, at the age of 17 years.—Ed.]

[R. 3–194] [*Lieut. James Crombie's Petition, 1779.*]

Humbly Shews James Crombie of Rindge in the County of Cheshire Gentleman late first Lieutenant of the Company lately

Commanded by Cap[t] Samuel Blodget in the 2[d] Battalion of New Hampshire Troops in the Continental Army—That being upon Duty by order of Gen[l] Poor, in august 1777 he met with a hurt which has ever since disabled him from serving in the Army or doing any labour to maintain himself & family * *

Exeter March 16th 1779 James Crombie

[He was placed on the roll for half-pay.—Ed.]

[*Rev. Pap. p. 61.*] [*Col. Enoch Hale's Return, 1779.*]

State of New Hampshire } Rindge y[e] 9th of october 1779.

Sir In obedience to your orders of the 26th of June last I have Raised Sixteen Soldiers for the Rhode Island Servis from the several Towns in my Regiment in the following manner viz—

Packersfield	1	John French of said Packersfield
Sliptown	1	Timothy Lock of said Slip
marlborough	1	Elijah Parks of marlborough
Fitzwilliam	1	Daniel Gould of Fitzw[m].
Rindge	2	Abel Kimball, Simeon Bruce } of Rindge
Dublin	1	Nath[l] Belknap of Dublin
Peterborough	2	John White Jr, Charles Davieson } of Peterborough
Jaffrey	2	Bezaleel Sawyer, James French Jr } of Jaffrey
New Ipswich	3	Isaac Taylor of New Ipswich; Asa Severance of Temple; James M[c]Kinsey of Westmoreland
Temple	1	David Drurey of Temple
Washington	$\frac{1}{16}$	Ebenezer Lowell of washington

Sir as the above Soldiers was all Enlisted Between the fifth & ninth of July and march[t] at one Time I have made no distinction But date them all from the Ninth of said July 1779

I am sir your most obed[t] Humble Ser[t]

His Hon[r] General Folsom Enoch Hale

[R. 3–197] [*Petition of Abigail, wife of Col. Nathan Hale, 1780.*]

State of New Hampshire—to the Honorable the Councell and house of Representatives of Said State the petition of Abigail Hale wife to Nathan Hale Esq[r] Humbly Sheweth that your petitioners said Husband, ingaged in the Continental Service

in the year 1775 and has continued in Said service ever since that time—but through the fortune of war your petitioners said Husband was Captivated by the Enemy by which means together with other misfortunes after he returned home on parole, he was put to very great expense, and since that time being ordered to return to his Confinement greatly increased his expense all which misfortune has intirely put it Beyond his power to do any thing towards the Support of his family, wherefore your petitioner although Contrary to her intention, being Burden[d] with heavy taxes together with the Charges of a young and helpless family, is under the necessity of applying to your Honors for Releife, to be made her out of the depreciation of your petitioners said husbands wages—and your petitioner Reliing on your Honors Justice, and wisdom, Shall as in duty bound ever pray &c

Rindge June y[e] 9 1780 Abigail Hale

[Nathan Hale was captain of a company of minute men in April, 1775, and was promoted to colonel in April, 1777. His regiment received a violent attack from the enemy at Hubbardston, July 7, 1777, while covering the retreat from Ticonderoga, and Col. Hale with others was taken prisoner. On returning from his parole to captivity he died at Long Island, Sept. 23, 1780.—Ed]

[R. 3–198] [*Samuel Whiting, Soldier.*]

[In a petition dated Rindge, Sept. 24, 1780, Samuel Whiting stated that he "enlisted into the Continental Servis in march A D 1777 in Cap[t] Blodgett[s] Company." He further stated that he was taken sick at Ticonderoga, and asked for an allowance and the balance of his pay, which was granted to the extent of £20, 0, 3.—Ed.]

[R. 3–200] [*Bounties paid by the Town of Rindge to Soldiers who engaged for a less term of time than Three Years.*]

W[m] Kendall,	2 years	man	£	6, 19,	6
David Brooks	2 "	"		17, 8,	9
Jonathan Lake	2 "	"		17, 8,	9
David Robinson	1 "	"		21, 6,	10
			£	63, 3,	10

The above sums have been deducted from the Soldiers depreciation— May 17th 1785. Certificate to Colo Enoch Hale— Attest Jos Gilman

Exeter 17 May 1785

Recd an order for the Contents Enoch Hale

[Ezekiel Demery, of Rindge, was in Capt. James Carr's Company Jan. 24, 1777.—Ed.]

[*Rev. Pap. p. 311.*]

Rindge May ye 7th 1777.

Then Recd of Abel Pirkins fifteen Pounds L. Mo in full for my inlisting myself into the Service of the united States of America to do a turne for Eight Months for said Pirkins

test Edwd Jewett Pr me Benja Lovering

[R. 3-199.] [*Resignation of Col. Enoch Hale, 1783: addressed to the General Court.*]

Gentlemen

it is Eight long years Since we have been ingagd in a Tedious and most unnatural war in which I have Chearfully Sacrificed a Considerable Part of my interest with the Rest of my friends & Countrymen I was Several years in the General Assembly and felt my Self So much ingaged in the Cause of my Country as to Neglect my interest at home I had the Honor to Command a Regiment and for many years Recd Repeated orders for Raising men for the war & Turning out upon Alerms to defend my Country which I did as Chearfully obey

I was Commissioned as Sheriff for the County of Cheshire Took the oath and Executed the office when many Persons Thought it to be at the Jeopardy of my Life It Could not then be for the Lucre of money but I Put my all at Stake without fear or Reflection upon what my fate might be: thus I Passed through the dark Scene until I Saw the dawning of the Glorious day—but alas the Scene was Changed Indeed—I Soon felt the Resentment of Some Part of my Country and Saw men Creeping out of Corners and Indeavouring to Intreduce themselfs into Publick Life that dearst not Lift up there heads before they was well Convinsed how the matter would fall But To Return my Countrey are most hartily wellcomb to what Little Servis I was able to afford them and Could have Said Now Let thy Servant depart in Peace Since my Eyes have Seen thy Salvation But I am Supersceded in the Latter and do Now upon

the most Coole Reflection Resign the former I wish my Regiment well I had maney Good officers and Souldiers I wish my Country well and do not forget Past favours Received from the Generall Assembly I am Gentlemen with Respect your Honor[s] most obedient Hum[ble] Servant

Enoch Hale

Rindge June 7th 1783

[The foregoing was accepted June 13, 1783, and it was voted that he receive a vote of thanks for his faithful services.—Ed.]

[R. 3–201.] [*Relative to Isaac Leeland, Soldier: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Humbly Sheweth, Joel Russell and Mary his wife of Rindge That the said mary was widow of Isaac Leeland Late of said Rindge deceased. that the said Isaac Leeland Inlisted himself as a Soldier In Cap[t] Blodgetts Company and Colonel Nathan Hales Regiment in the year 1777. and left his wife (the said mary) with a number of small children to Take care off. and in the month of September next following, the said Isaac was killed by the enemy. * * *

Rindge May 30th 1785. Joel Russell mary Russell

[They asked for the balance due said Leeland, and the committee reported nothing due. Petition dismissed.—Ed.]

[9–171] [*Selectmen relative to Soldiers' Pay, 1782.*]

The Petition of Edward Jewett Ebenezer davis and John Buswell Selectmen of the Town of Rindge in Said State— Humbly Sheweth that in the year A D 1779 orders being Sent To this Town for Raiseing Souldiers To Serve in the Continental armey for one year that The depreciation of The Then Present Currency was Such that the Town was laid under the Necessaty of obligating themselves to the Souldiers Then to be Raised as Being Responsable for the State that all depreciation Should be made Good agreable to the orders then Received for Raising Such Souldiers and Notwithstanding The fatigue of Said Servis The Said Souldiers Complain of not being made up for any wages or depreciation wherefore your Petitioners Pray in behalf of Said Souldiers as well as for the Town that the

Said Souldiers may be made up agreable to the orders aforesaid and your Petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Edw[d] Jewett
Ebenezer Davis } Selectmen of Rindge
John Buswell

Rindge march y[e] 6th 1782

[9–172] [*Relative to pay of Soldiers: addressed to the General Court, 1783.*]

The petition of Daniel Grag & others humbly Sheweth that In June A D 1779. orders were Issued for Raising Soldiers to Seirve one year In the contenantel armey with a promise of the same wages and Depretiation as other Soldiers was to Recive In the contenantel armey and your petitioners Being called upon to asist In Raising Sum part of Said Soldiers were oblidge[d] to Engage them their pay agreable to said orders the unceirtainty of the paper money being Such and have Sence ben oblidg[d] to Settle and pay them accordingly without any Security Excep orders upon the treasurer for their wages when made up.

Wherefore your petitioners Humbly prayeth that the Same may be made up acordingly.—

And your petitioners as In Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Daniel Gragg
James Philbrick
Josiah Ingalls
Ezekiel Jewett
Jacob Gould

Rindge June 7th 1783

[9–174] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers Select Men of Rindge In Said State. Humbly Sheweth that wheras the Said Town of Rindge hath never Receiv[d] aney writ or preceipt Impowring them to Send a Representative to the General Assembly of Said State Sence the Astablishment of the present Constitution Notwithstanding the number of one Hundred and fifty Free Ratable poles that are more then Twenty one years of age are Resident within the Same, which we humbly Concive was Omitted In Conciquence of the Said Town[s] not Receiving any preceipt for Assertaining & Sending In Such number of Retable poles wherefore your petitioners humbly prays that Such writ may be

Granted, and your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray—

James Crumbie, Jon[a] Ingalls, Sam Whiting } Select Men of Said Rindge

Rindge February 5th 1785.

ROCHESTER.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts, and contained the territory now in Farmington and Milton in addition to the present township. Rochester was incorporated by the governor and council of the then province of New Hampshire, May 10, 1722, and comprised about 60,000 acres of land.

The first permanent settlement was made by Capt. Timothy Roberts in December, 1728; others soon followed, but were harassed by Indians to such an extent as to prevent a general settlement until after the reduction of Canada in 1760. The population was quite numerous in 1775, and the town did its full share of service in the Revolution.

By an act approved December 1, 1798, the westerly part of the town, called the north-west parish, was set off and incorporated into the town of Farmington, which, leaving the town over twenty miles in length, north and south, made it very inconvenient, and in 1802 the inhabitants of the north parish petitioned for a separate incorporation, which was granted by an act approved June 11 of that year, setting off the said parish, and incorporating it as a town by the name of Milton. July 10, 1846, a part of the farm of Rufus C. Varney was severed from this town and annexed to Barrington.

The village now known as Gonic was formerly Squamanagonnick.

The following is a list of a few of the Rochester men in the Revolution:

Wm. Harper, age 35, Col. Cilley's Reg't.

Daniel Horn, age 27, Col. Nathan Hale's Battalion, Capt. Bell.

Eben'r Chesley, age 23, Col. Nathan Hale's Battalion, Capt. Rowell.

Geo. Heard, age 20, Col. Nathan Hale's Battalion, Capt. Rowell.

Jos. Pearl, age 17, Col. Nathan Hale's Battalion, Capt. Rowell.

Ichabod Horn, Drummer, 2d N. H. Reg't, Capt. James Carr.

James Marden, 2d N. H. Reg't, Capt. James Carr.

Daniel Cook, Serg't, Scammell's Reg't, Benj. Ellis's Co., 1781.

[9-175] [*Relative to Ministerial Affairs: addressed to the General Court, 1737.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester, in s^{d} province, most humbly sheweth—

That your Petitioners have been settled here, some of them, seven Years or thereabout, that we are now increased to the Number of about Sixty Families, & are as yet destitute of a Settled Ministry, & have no civil Order in the Town, having never had any power to choose town officers, or to act in town affairs, y^{t} your petitioners put in a petition to this Honble Court at their Sessions the last Spring, praying for relief under our Difficulties afores^{d} and also that, in Consideration of our low Circumstances and the Inconveniences and Charges such new Settlements are exposed to, a tax might be laid on the Rights of the Non-resident Proprietors towards the Support of the Ministry here; but so it happened that the Matter was not perfected, so that your petitioners remain still in the same unsettled and uncomfortable Condition, and do therefore humbly & earnestly entreat your Excellency and your Honours to take their Case into your compassionate Consideration, and that a Committee may be appointed to call a Meeting in Order to choose Town officers for the Year ensuing, and that a tax may be also laid on the Non-resident Proprietors of twenty Shillings a right per Annum, for Seven Years, next ensuing, for and towards the Support of the Ministry—Or otherwise to do for us, as to your Wisdom and Goodness shall seem meet—And your humble Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Rochester March ye 1736/7

John alon	John winford	Willam Eles
Joseph Hard	Jack Busel	Samuell merro
Stephen Harford	Joseph Richards	John Garlon
Benjamin Merrow	Joseph Hodgdon	Richard wentworth
Robard Night	John Bickford	Jeams Busell

Jeams Lock	John his × mark Smith	Joseph miller
Gesom Downs		Paul Tebbets
John Bickford	Joseph Richards:	Jeams Cley
Samuell Merow	sen	Solom Clark
John Hardie	Timothy Roberts	will Door
Thomas Perkens	John Mackfee	will alen
Elesar Ham	Zebulun dam	Sam Richard
Ebnesar Place	Benjamin Tebbets	Sam Tombly
willam wolford	Joseph walker	mathy mackfee
Joseph Berrey	William Stiles	Jonathan Cops
Beimin Hayes	Stephen Beary	

[*Legislative Action on foregoing.*]

In Council March 24, 1736/7

Read & recommended Rich[d] Waldron Secy

Ma[r] 26; 1737 In the House of Representatives the within Petition read: and Voted: That Paul Wentworth Esq[r] Cap[t] Thomas Millet and Stephen Berry; be authorized A Comitte to Call the ffirst Meeting to Chuse Town officers—and when such officers are Chosen, they to have full power to act as other town officers by the Law of the Province and they to have authority to Charge a Whole proprietors Share wth a rate of fifteen Shillings per annum towards paym[t] of a Ministers Sallary and so in proportion for y[r] part of a Share or Right each proprietor do possess or Claime: this rate to be made yearely for payment only while they have an orthodox Minister there; not to continue longer y[n] the End of y[e] yeare 1742; then to Support their minister as y[e] Law directs in other towns and that the Pet[rs] have Liberty to bring in a Bill accordingly—

James Jeffry Cl[r] Ass[m]

In Coun[l] March 26, 1737 Read & Concured

R Waldron Secy

Assented to March 26 1737

J Belcher

[9–176] [*Petition for a Guard, 1744: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of y[e] Town of Rochester In y[e] Province afors[d] Humbly Sheweth, that whereas your Petitioners are settled In a New & a Frontier Town And being but few In number & Under Indigent Circumstances, we are Unable to Defend ourselves, In case our Enemies Should make an

assault upon us. And we cannot go about our Business as Heretofore without Endangering our Lives and ye Lives of our Families (The Enemy Having Been discovered Divers times Lurking about our Houses and Fields) We therefore Humbly Pray your Excellency and the Honourable General Court to take our Difficult Circumstances under youn Consideration and to allow us a Suitable Number of Soldiers to Guard us In our Garrisons and whilst we are about our daily Employments—

And whereas we are called upon by the Province Treasurer to pay a Considerable Tax towards Defraying ye Province Charges, we pray your Excellency & ye Honble Genl Court to Consider How we have been Shut up In Garrison ever Since ye News of a French War, & have not been able to go out and In to provide for our Households as their Necessity called upon us to do ; And a Considerable Number of Families have removed from us to other Towns &c—We therefore pray your Excellency and your Honours to Favour us In this Regard & declaring that we would not ask to be released from paying our Proportion if we had ability to Comply with ye Demands made upon us therefor

And Your Humble Petitioners as In Duty Bound Shall ever Pray &c—

Rochester Aug : 21, 1744

Stephen Berry	John ——	Joseph walker
Richd Wentworth	James Rodger	Ebenzer plase
Joseph Richards tertius	John Jennes	John Bickford
	Benjamin Hayes	John Laighton
Jno Wentworth	John Heard	Joseph Richards Juner
Samuel whithoues	John m^c^fee	
Benjamin forst	James Pleace	Joseph Hogsdon
Samuell Coresen	Jonathan Hodgen	John Hamack
Roberd Knight	William Jennes	Thomas Drue
Gesham Downes	Clementt Dearing	Allexander Hodgdon
Eleazar Colman	Thomas Perkens	Elezar Ham
Samull Tombly	Icabod Horn	Jonathan Cops
Stephen Harford	Capt Timo : Roberts	
Samull merro	Isn Edward Tebbets	

[9–179] [*Petition for Representation : addressed to Gov. B. Wentworth, 1762.*]

The Humble Petition of the Town of Rochester in the Province Afore Sd May it please your Excellency—

Humbly Shewing that the town of Rochester being Granted by Charter in the Reign of King George the first of Blessed

Memory and Setled by a Number of Inhabitants for upwards of thirty years past and Have by the Blessing of Providence grown to the Number of upwards of a Hundred and thirty families and Have for a Number of years past paid our Equal proportion of the publick Charges of this Province and Never as yet have had A member to Represent us in General Assembly of Sd Province altho perhaps for want of proper Application we therefore Humbly pray your Eccellency would be pleasd to send us a Precept to Enable us to Choose a meet person Qualifyed by Law to Represent us in the general Assembly of Sd Province— which is the Prayers of your Humble Petitioners—

Rochester february ye 8th 1762

Daniel Winget
Barnabas Palmer
Ichabod Corson
Gedion Tebbets
Obadiah Tebbets
Dodapher Garland
Daniel Cook
Thomas Withrell
Richard Nutter
Daniel Garland
Timothy Robarts Junr
Peter Horn
Isaac Libbey Junr
Eliezar Colman
Ebenezer Place
Joseph Dam
Stephen Wentworth
Moses Hays
Samuel Cops
Shadrach Allard
Abner Dam
Jabez Dam
David Cops
Ebenezer Chamberlin
Thomas Brown
Elexander Hodgdon
Clement Dearing
John Heard
John Plumer
Samuel Laighton
Ephraim Ham
Samuel Tebbets
James Berry
Joseph Knight
Zebulun Dam Junr
Moses Brown
Thomas young
Wentworth Hays
Joshua Knight
Henry Tebbets
John Trickey
Samuel winget
Timothy Robarts
Stephen Berry
Joseph walker
Edward Tebbets
william Allen
James Rogers
Zebulun Dam
Ephraim Berry
Charles Rogers
Benjamin Forst
James Knowls
Isaac Libbey
Richard wentworth
Samuel Alley
Stephen Berry Junr
Jonathan Cops
Joseph Tebbets
Aaron Tebbets
William Chamberlin
James Place
Paul Libbey
Ephraim Chamberlin
James Dearing
Richard walker
Nathaniel Burnam
Jonathan Hodgdon
Ichabod Horn
Ebenezer Place Junr
Jacob Chamberlin
Benjamin Cops
Samuel Chamberlin
Samuel yeaton
Benjamin Merrow
David Place
Solomon Laighton
George Place
Joseph walker Junr
Moses Downs
Josiah Main
Henry Allord
Thomas Pevey
Jonathan Laighton
David Laighton
Joseph Haghdon
John Nute
Samuel Downing
John Hammock
Abraham Pearl
Dimond Pearl
James M^c^fee
Hezekiah Varny
Ithamer Seavy
Solomon Perkins
Peter Wallingsford
John Richards
Alexander Hoghdon Junr
William Ham
Daniel Forst
Daniel M^c^neel

[9-178] [*Governor Wentworth to Secretary Atkinson, relative to a Representative, 1762.*]

Portsmouth 12th Feb. 1762,

Sir Colonel Gage has laid before me a Petition from Rochester, praying they may have a precept for Choseing a fit person to represent them in General Assembly, which if they obtain they have promised to send Colonel Gage and if the Kings writt is not too far advanced insert Rochester and Kensington from which place Capt Haly will come, but you must Inquire first whether it can be done without infringing on Hampton Falls Incorporation

I am Sr Your Huml Sert

B. Wentworth

Colonel Atkinson

The Sherrif is not to send out precepts to the old towns before the latter end of next week, nor to Rochester if one goes there B. W.

[It appears in the journal of the H. of Rep., March 12, 1762, that a precept was issued to Rochester, and that Lieut. John McDuffee was chosen instead of Col. Gage.—Ed.]

[9-180] [*Relative to Dover Bridge: addressed to the Assembly, 1770.*]

The Humbl Petision of Sundry of the Inhabitents of the Town of Rochester in Sd province Shews our oppinion And Sentiments about the Bridges that is Built at Cochcho falls in the town of Dover in sd provnce Whereas we your humbl Pertisoners think it Very Needless to Build a Bridge below the falls for it is So Discomogous to us and all the adgasent Towns and all travellers for it Carrys us and all travellers Between fifty and Sixty Rods farthar Round than the highway formerly was and over Such Rocks and we look upon it that the town had no Rite to turn the Rode So far out of the way that was formerly laid out By the Governor & Councel without a greater authority than Such a Vote as we have Been Informed

Whereas we think that the upper Bridge is most Convenient Both for the town of Dover and us & all the adgasent towns And all travellers it Being a much Better Road and your Pertisioners are in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray &c—

Gershum Downs	John Nute	William Ham
John Ham	moses Varney	Ephraim Ham

Joseph Tebbets
Ichabod Corson Jr
Ichebod Corson
Isaac Libbey
Richd Nutter
Eleazar Coleman
Stephen handford Juner
Isaac Lebby Jur
Solmon harford
Ephraim Alley
Bangmon dam
Samuel Alley
Thomas Young
Peter Horn
Stephen Bearey
Benjamin forst
Thomas Varney
Ebenezer Varney
Richard wintworth
henry Tebbets
Jonathan Tebbets
William allin
Stephen Harford
Joseph knight
Samuel Laighton
Timo Robarts
Timothy Robarts Juner
Josiah Main
Tristram Heard
Joseph Heard
Saml Downing
Paul Libbey
Thomas Robarts
David Place
John Place
George Place
William Mcdufee
James JackSon
James Horn
Abner Dam
James Dearing
Peter Wallingford
Zebulun Davis
Reuben heard
Alexander hodgdon Jur
John Hamak
Richard Place
Alexander Hodgdon
Jonathan Bickford
Joseph Bickford
Thomas Brown
Isaac Twombly
William Jinnins
Morris Ellis
Móses Jennins
Aaron Jennins
Danel kimbal
Aaron Downs

[In H. of Rep., December 14, 1770, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[R. 3-204] [*Stephen Berry, Jr., Soldier, 1748.*]

Stephen Berry Jun of Rochester Testifies & Declare that he served as a Soldiour under the Command of Capt Job Clemens in Scouting and Guarding at Rochester the last month that Capt Clemens Serv'd there in the Service of this Province in the year 1748 in the Room or Stead of Jacob Allen

Stephen Berry Jur

[Sworn before John MacMurphy, Portsmouth, May 1, 1753.—Ed.]

[R. 3-211] [*Daniel McDuffee's Order, 1778.*]

Sir Please to Pay or Deliver to James Knoles Esq all the money Due to therty Seven men that Served in my Company as Solders Last fall at Still Water &C on Robert Swainsons Role & this Shall be your Receipt for the Same pr me

Daniel McDuffee Capt

To Nicholas Gilman Esqr

Rochester may ye 15th 1778

[R. 3–212] [*Major Tebbet's Petition, 1779.*]

[In a petition dated Rochester, March 8th, 1779, Ebenezer stated that he was second major of the second regiment of militia; "That in the Summer last past at the Requisition of the Committee of Safety for said State he raised a number of men & marched with them as Voluntiers on the Expedition at Rhode-Island." He stated that he "was on the ground as early as any of the Troops & left it as late," for which he desired to be paid.—Ed.]

[R. 3–214] [*Soldiers' Order, 1780.*]

Rochester July 19th 1780

To the paymaster General of the State of newhampshire Sr Be pleasd to pay unto the Selectmen of the Town of Rochester the Full of our wagers and other Incoragement that is to Be given by sade state to Soldiers Enlisted agreable to an act of this State out of the Militia For the Term of three months and in so Doing you Will oblige your Most obedient Humble Servants

David Wingate
James his × mark Emery
Beniah × Doar
Jonathan his mark × Dore

John his × mark Allen
Joseph Clark
Jonathan heard
Thomas Pinkham
Joseph Wingate

Trustram his × mark Richards
Jonathan his × mark Walling-[ford
Amos Spencer
Stephen Tebbetts

[R. 3–215] [*Daniel Wingate's Bounty.*]

This may certify all whome it may concern that I the subscriber paid Mr Daniel Wingate Junr with other Soldiers £34, each L. M: as a Town Bounty for three years Service as a Soldier from the 23rd May 1777 for the 3 Ensuing years—

Rochester 14th Feby 1783 Ebenr Tebbets

[R. 3–216.] [*Soldiers' Orders, 1784.*]

To the honorable Committee on Claims now Setting at Exeter or to home it may Concern please to pay the hole of my wages to John Wingate or to the bearer for twelve months Service in the Continantal Armey of the United States of america

for 1779 & it will much oblige me your most obedient and humble Servante Isaac Hanson

Rochester July 5th 1784

Witnesses presente Jona Meserve Thomas Davs

[R. 3–216] Rochester September 21th 1784

To the Treasurer of the State New Hampshire

Sir plese to pay unto Daniel Cook or his order all that is due to me for my late husbands Daniel Alleys sarvises in the Second new Hampshire Regt Value Received witness

Lydia Alley

Test Daniel Rogers Samuel Elkins

I hereby Certify that the above signer was the wife & is the Sole heir to the late Daniel Alley who was a Soldier for the Town of Rochester

Josiah Main town clark

[Said Alley died of wounds.—Ed.]

[The following ordered their dues to be paid to Daniel Cook:

Oct. 11, Paul Cook, Joshua Woodman's Company, Col. Reynolds's Reg't, in 1781, £4–3–4.

Oct. 27, John Perkins, same Co. in 1781, £4–3–4.

Oct. 28, John Palmer, same Co. in 1781, £4–3–4

Dec. 20, Jonathan Purzell, 2d N. H. Reg't.

Dec. 9, William Palmer, 2d N. H. Battalion in 1780.

Dec. 11, Benjamin Perkins, Woodman's Co., Reynolds's Reg't in 1781, £4–3–4.

Dec. 3, Joseph Clark, same Co. in 1781, £4–3–4.

Oct. 28, Joseph Heard, same Co. in 1781, ordered his dues to be paid to Stephen Wentworth, £4–3–4.

The foregoing all state that they served for Rochester.—Ed.]

[R. 3–226] [*Petition of Jotham Nute: addressed to the General Court, Dec. 23, 1789.*]

The Petition of Jotham Nute of Rochester in the County of Strafford humbly Sheweth—

That early in the late Contest between the United States & the Kingdom of Great Britain—he entered the Service of his Country in the Regiment from this State, Commanded by Colo

George Reid, in which from his Fidelity and good service he was promoted to a Serjeant and continued in the faithful discharge of his duty till the month of July 1781, when in an action with the British Troops near Tarrytown [N. York.], he was wounded in the thigh by a musquet ball, which lodged in his hip, where it still continues. * * * *

Jon[a] Rawson Atty to the Petitioner

[R. 3–227 is a certificate from Capt. Jere. Fogg, dated Kensington, Jan. 4, 1790, stating that Sergeant Jotham Nute was in his Company, and was wounded in the hip "in a very severe skirmish near Kingsbridge in which one fifth part of my Party were killed or wounded." Sergeant Nute also presented a discharge dated June 7, 1783, signed by Gen. Washington, in which it was stated that he had been awarded the badge of merit for six years' faithful service. The committee on the examination of invalids recommended that he be pensioned at two dollars per month.—Ed.]

[9–181] [*Relative to Lumber Act, Paper Money, etc.: addressed to the General Assembly, 1785.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers free Holders and Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester, Humblely Sheweth, that we are largely Concerned in Lumber, and we understand your Honours has passed some late acts at your last Session, verry hurtfull, and Injurious to us and we believe to all Other Towns Concerned in the lumber way therefore pray you would repele the act that requires all boards to be Inch thick And Square Edgeed and Other lumber in propotion And likewise to repeal the acts prohibiting any Vessel Carrying Lumber the Brittish Islands in the West Indies that can procure Brittish papers for that purpose—

And to repeal the Other act with regard to the Duty Layed on tunnage on Ships or Vessells belonging to foreigners which Duty we Look Upon to be Equal to Shuting up our ports against them, but If your Honours Dont see fit to grant the prayer of this Petition Wee would request a paper Currency on a Loan or in Such other way as your wisdom may Direct you to Support the Credit of Said Moneys, as in Duty bound we ever pray—

Rochester Aug[st] 30th 1785

David Place	Jonathan Laighton	Joseph Drown
Abner Hodgdon	Daniel goodwin	Richard Furbur Jun[r]
Ebenezer Place Jun[r]	nehemiah kimbel	Tobias Twombly
Ebenz[r] Place Sen[r]	Solomon Perkins	Jun

Moses Place
Amos Place
Joseph Thompson
Joseph Thompson Juner
Alexander Hodgdon
Eleazer Hodgdon
Joseph pearl
moses Hammet
John Hammet
Dimon Pearl
James Young
Joseph Clark
Tobias Ricker
Cornelius Jenness
Jonathan Place
moses waymoth
Thomas Drew
John Richson
James Dearing
Moses Varney
Jonathan Leighton
John Place
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Thomas Varny
Elijah Varney
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Ephraim Ham
Eleazer Ham
James Ham
Isaac Brown
George Place
Moses Roberts
Ephraim wentworth
William Wentworth
Wentworth Hayes
Daniel McNeal
Joshua Merrow
Josiah Folsom
Edward Rollins
John Goodwin
Benj^{a} Odiorne
Paul Harford
Daniel Watsn
Jonathan Heard
Richard Hilton

Bening Colbroth
Geo: R Downing
Ebenezer Varney
Joseph Bickford
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John Bickford
Samuel Varney
Moses Varney
John Rawlings
Anthony Rawlings
Joshua Rawlings
John Cloutman
Eben^{r} Twombly
Isaac Libby
George Snell Hayes
David Corson
John Pergon
Jonathan Twombly
Elijah Horn
Benjamin Copps
Richard Manson
William Manson
Paul Copps
Beard Plumer
Enoch Hayes
Daniel Cook
Nich Wentworth
David Horn
John Carr
Ebenezer Wentworth
Daniel Garland
Ephraim Twombly
Daniel Kimbal
John walker
John Hanson
Jeams Edley
Nathan Nock
Mark Miler
Joseph Chapam
John wentworth
Elihu wintworth
Samuel Jennes
Garsom Downs Ju^{r}
Joseph Plumer
David Walanford
Moses hamblin

John Knowles
Joseph Heard Junr
Thom^{s} Virney
Aaron Downs
Gersham Down Junr
Wentworth Twombly
Moses Downs
Ebenez^{r} Ricker J^{r}
Edmund Tebbets
Joseph Knight
Dudley Wentworth
Daniel Bruster
Stephen Wentworth
Eleazer Coleman
James Coleman
James Rogers Junr
Moses Horn
Jeams Bery
John Bery
Willam Bery
John Tanner
Abraham Cooke
Richd Walker
John Wentworth Jr
Hunking Colbroth
Abraham Cooke Jur
Reuben Heard
Jacob Wallingford
Morris Alles
Thomas Peavey
Daniel Peavey
Anthony Peavey
David Watson
Edmund Wingate
Jonathan Morry
Benjamin Chase
Ezekiel Ricker
Nathnil Jonson
Richard Nutter ju
Joseph Holmes
Jonathan wentworth
Joseph Heard Junr
Enoch Hoyt
Ichabod Corson J^{n}
Thom^{s} Pinkam
Jon^{a} Pinkam

Ebenezer Horn
Benjamin Rollins
Ebenezer Ricker
Joseph Dame
Peter Cushing
Joshua Knight
Jonathan Wallingford
Stephen Lee
Benjamin Hoyt
John Randale
John Ham
Timothy Heard
Paul Place
John Musset Place
James Jackson
Caleb Jackson
Joshua Downing
Ephraim Trickey
Paul Cook
Timothy Ricker
william Jones
Nathaniel Jones
Samuel Palmer
Robert ———
James wentworth
thomas Plumer
John Glidden
Barnabas Palmer
Gersum downs
David Morison
John Bickford
——— Calef
John Roberts
Ephraim Parker
Elazar Dam
Joseph Runels
James Rogers the third
William Huntress
Jon[a] Norris
Joaiah wentworth
Samuel Richards
Timothy Robarts
Francis meder
Daniel Brewster
Samuel Plummer
——— Knight
Joseph Roberts
Simon Torr
Tim[o] Courson
James m[c]Duffe
Robart Walker
David Langley
Ephraim Pickens J[r]
Jonathan Richards
William Wingate
Benjamin Varney
James Chesley
John Place Ju[r]
Thomas Roberts
James Downs
William Palmer
Sam[l] Nute
Isaac Wentworth
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Richard Wentworth
Peter Horn
Moses Horn Jun[r]
Joseph Walker
Tristram heard
Nathaniel Heard
Tristram Heard
Jas Adams
Samuel Austin
Jacob Elles
Samuel Wingate
Benj[a] Wingate
Elijah Tebbetts
John Trickey
Samuel Door
Silas Tebbets
Heard Roberts
David Tebbets
Joseph Tebbets
Ichabod Cossen
william Elles
David Wingate
Samuel Allen
Joshua Allen
Micah Allen
Samuel Downing
Stephen Furnald
John Rand
John Ham Jun[r]
John Stanton
Daniel Page
Joseph Page
Voletine Ralling
David Jenness
Joseph Meader Jnr
Winthrop Nutter
William Whitehouse
Aaron Whitehouse
George Meader
Pelatiah Cartlan
John Tucker
Jacob Hanson
Isaiah Jenkins
Joseph meder
Hatevil Laighton
Solomon Drown
John Drown
Joseph Parker
natthel meedor
William Hanson
Jonthan Meder
William hodgdon
Robert Evans
James Place
Paul Jennes
Samuel Robeson
Gorge Laighton
timothy Richson
Clem hays
Stephen harfot
John Davis
Joshua Corson
Ebenezer Corson
Dodavah Garlan
Dodavah Garlan Jun
Jonathan Elles
Joshua Elles
Rich[d] Furber
Benj[a] Furber
Robart tebets
Bengamin Wentworth
David Allard
Job Allard

Moses goodwin	Benjamin Forse Junr	James Runnels
Zabulon dam	Josiah Main	Jon^{a} Bigford
Richerd Parkins	Saml Furbur	James French
Silas Dame	Ephraim Kimbel	Edward Varney
Enoch Burnham	David Twombly	Moses Varney 3d
Lemuel Richardson	Daniel Page	Thom^{s} Davise
William McDuffe	Nathanel Garland	James Twombley
John Richards	Benjamin Page	John Palmer
Jon^{a} Richard J^{r}	Moses Jennes	Amos place

[R. 3–229] [*Lieut. Samuel Nute's Petition.*]

[In a petition dated January, 1790, Jona. Rawson petitions in behalf of Samuel Nute of Rochester for back pay, etc., stating that said Nute was, "on the eleventh day of November 1776, by a Committee of the General Court of this State, appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Regiment from this State Commanded by Col^{o} Enoch Poor, & was duly Commissioned & served as such till the sixteenth day of September 1777."—Ed.]

[R. 3–230] [*Petition of John Tanner: addressed to the General Court, November, 1791.*]

The Petition of John Tanner Humbly Sheweth, that on the 26th day of March 1777 entered on board the Raleigh Frigate under the Command of Thomas Thompson Esqr as a quarter Master, and on the first of May 1778 was discharged from the said Ship. In the Month of August following your Petitioner Entered on board the Hampden under the Command of Thomas Pickering, Esqr as Masters Mate, and on the Eighth day of March 1779 in a sevear Engagement had the unhappy Misfortune to loose my left arm and much wounded in my side by a shot from the enemy, and in the Month of July 1779 your Petitioner entered on board the same ship under the Command of Capt Titus Salter Esqr as Masters Mate in the service of this State to Pernobcequet, and met with the Misfortune to be taken Prisoner by the Enemy, which was a great damage to me, and after my return in the year 1781—your Petitioner entered on board the Arm Ship General Washington, as Masters Mate, and our ship was unfortunately stove to Pieces in a Hurricane, by which I lost all my Close books & Instruments excepting the Close on me.

* * * John Tanner

[He petitioned again in November, 1797; and also in June, 1802, at which time he was allowed $65. In the latter he stated that the ship Gen. Washington was a "Letter of Marque, under the command of Charles Welden Esquire, bound for the Island of Martinique, in which expedition, on the 11th day of October [1780] in a most tremenduous hurricane the ship was lost."—ED.]

[9–183] [*Report of a Committee to divide the Town, 1794.*]

Rochester August ye 28th 1794

We the Subscribers being chosen a Committee by the Inhabitants of Town of Rochester on the second day of June Last to divide said Town of Rochester into three Towns or Parishes, have attended on said Business, viewed the Plan of said Town & heard the Parties from the Different Parts of said Town, & have agreed to report & do report that the division of said Town made by Jonathan Dame Some years ago & accepted by the Inhabitants be not altered for the Several Reasons as follows viz

1st It is our opinion that Said Division made by Mr Dame the Surveyor is as equal & as just as the Nature of the thing will admit

2dly As the first proposed Parish have considered Said Division binding & have built a large Meeting House near the Centre of Said proposed Parish Which is submitted by your Humble Servants

Joseph Badgerjur
Saml Hale
James Carr

It was put to Vote to See if the Town will accept of the above report and it was Voted in the affirmative a true Copy attest Josiah Main Town Clerk

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[9–182] [*Report of a Committee on Division of the Town, 1794.*]

By virtue of a Vote of the Town of Rochester we have Run out & marked the Lines between the new Proposed Towns or Parishes as follows—

Beginning at Barrington line in a Heath 22 Rods North westerly from the out let of Pickerel pond where we marked & Set up a Stake Calld No 1 from which we run north 46 Degrees

East a cross the Second Division Lott number 49 over a large Rock mark[d] with a cross thence on s[d] Course through Joseph Meeders land So as Just to leave his house on the East of Said line to Meedersborough Road Thence on the South Easterly Side lines of lotts N° 34, 31, 44, 47, 54 & 51. Then North 45 degrees East from the North East Corner of the 2 Division lot N° 51 over Run through the fourth Division a little to the west of George Hayes house over a large ledge of rocks on the Brow of the Hill near Salmonfalls River which rocks we marked and Call[d] N° 2 and run S[d] Course to the River makeing marks & Setting up monuments by the roads and other necessary places which we made for the Head line of the lower Town or parish—

Then we began on S[d] line at the Suppos[d] North East Corner of the Second Division N° 51 where we Set up a pile of rocks & Call[d] N° 3 from which we run about North west at the Northerly end of the Second Division Numbered 51, 52, 79, 80, 81, 102 & 103 to the third Division, leaving the four Rod Road to the North of Said line and run on the North west through the third Divisions N° 6, 5, & 38 to Middleton line over a large pine Stump & a rock which we marked with Sundry letters & marks and Call[d] N° 4 being a few Rods to the Southwest of the new Road leading from Middleton by Samuel Laightons—Run out this 13th day of Novem[br] 1794

By Ichabod Corsson, Rich[d] Dame, Daniel Hayes } Lott Layers

Voted to Accept of the Return of the Committee for the Running of the within lines

A true Copy from Rochester Book of Records
attest Josiah Main Town Clerk

[9–184] [*Petition for an Incorporation of the North-West Parish: addressed to the General Court, 1798.*]

Humbly shew—

We the subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester in the County of Strafford, and of that part of said Rochester commonly called the North West Parish, that sometime previous to the year Seventeen hundred Ninety four the Inhabitants of the said Town of Rochester at a legal Meeting warned for that purpose unanimously voted that the said town should be divided into three towns and a Committee was accordingly chosen to run, and make out the Lines of the several proposed towns aforesaid, pursuant to which Vote the said Committee ran out

said proposed towns, a Copy of whose return Accompanies this Petition

That afterwards at a legal meeting of said town in the year Seventeen hundred Ninety four the said town appointed the Hon^{blc} Joseph Badger Junr Samuel Hale and James Carr Esq^{rs} as a Committee out of town to reconsider of the Lines aforesaid, and make such alterations therein as they should think proper or to establish the old Lines as they should think most convenient for said town and proposed towns, which Committee afterwards on the twenty Eighth day of August in the same year met and examined the Lines aforesaid and reported that the former Lines and division be established as the boundaries of the several proposed towns, which report was afterwards at a legal meeting of said town Voted unanimously to be accepted—We the said Inhabitants further shew, that there were in said North West Parish the last Year rendered in the Towns Inventory, one hundred and seventy six rateable Poles, residing within the Limits of the said parish, that a great proportion of that number, have to go as many as twelve Miles to Attend town meetings and business, and by far the greater part, not less than Eight miles;

That the unwieldy Situation of said town when met in their Town Meetings amounting freequently to such a number as renders it almost impossible to do the town business with any kind of regularity or dispatch—

For these reasons and many others which might be mentioned, we the subscribers Inhabitants as aforesaid, humbly pray your Honours that the said North West Parish comprehended within the Lines and divisions before alluded to, may be incorporated as a town with town privileges, and such measures taken to organize and incorporate the same, as to your Honours may seem meet And as in duty bound your Petitioners will pray—

Rochester June 6th A D 1798

Ichabod Hayes	Moses Hanson	Gilbert French
Daniel Hayes	Richd Furber J^{r}	Edmund French
John Ham	Robart Berry	Moses Hayes
Nathanel Watson Ju	Jonathan Furber	Samul Knowles
Winthrop glidden	Daniel Varney	James French
Benjn Jones	James Nutter	timothy Stepan
Ichabod Hayes	David Watson Jur	David Roberts
thomas Davis	Samul Hodgsdon	Samuel Holmes
David french	semul Ran	Samuel Gray
Daniel Peevy Ju	Wm Wingate	John Walker
Danell Seavey	Eph^{m} Perkins Ju	Richd Hodgdon
Benja Read	David French Jur	Job Allard
Hunking Colbroth	Amos Place	Willm Allard

Joshua Watson	John Downs Junr	Danul Coney
John Robinson	John Roberts	Samuel Drown
Valintine Sergent	James Downs	Benj Ham
John Locke	Edmund Wingate	Samuel Holems
Joseph Holmes	Jonathan Watson	Jonath Wentworth J^{r}
Samuel Varney	Theodore Furber	William Whithous
William Ham	Stephen Clark	John Beeck
Moses Varney	David Watson	Samuel Beeck
Joseph Emerson	Mark Read	John Murry
Thomas Leathers	Charles Knight	Eben^{r} Horn J^{r}
Timo^{y} Dame	William Knight	Jonathan ——
Daniel Hayes	Winthrop Colath	Abaraham Nute
Wentworth Hayes	Enoch Burnam	Isaac Libby
William Leighton	James Knowles	Hanson Libby
Samuel Varney	Edward Knight	Jeremah Hodgdon
Saml Furber	Reuben Cano	Ely Sumer
Peter Akerman	Robert Evans	Joseph young
Samuel Hayes	Richard Caverly	Thomas Ham
Simon Green	Stephen French	Joseph Thompson
Benjamin Furber	Edward Varney	Joseph Thompson
Peter Akerman Ju^{r}	John Caverly	Samual Twombly

[In H. of Rep., June 13, 1798, a hearing was ordered for the next session, and the matter came up Nov. 28, at which time the petition was granted. The west parish was set off and incorporated into a town by the name of Farmington, Dec. 1, 1798.—Ed.]

[9–185] [*Rochester Town-Meeting relative to a Division of the Town, 1798.*]

The following are the proceedings of the Town of Rochester in Consequence of the Order of Court relative to the Division of said Town—

"State of Newhampshire Strafford ss

The Legal voters of the Town of Rochester are hereby Notified of a Public Town meeting to be holden in the Courthouse in s^{d} Town on Monday the 27th Day of this Instant August at two o' th Clock in the afternoon for the following purposes

1st To choose a moderator to Govern s^{d} Meeting—

3dly To see what Method the Town will take with respect to a petition to the General Court from the South West Parish (so Call^{d}) for an Incorporation of said Parish and the order of Court thereon

By Order of the Selectmen—

Edward Rollins, Constable

Rochester August 6th 1798."

"At A Legal Town Meeting holden in Rochester on Monday the 27th Day of August 1798

1st Aaron Wingate Esqr Chosen Moderator

3dly It was put to vote to see if the Town will Consent that the South West Parish So Calld in this Town Should be Incorporated as a Seperate Town by themselves, agreable to the former lines, and Voted in the affirmative."

A True Copy of the Proceedings of town of Rochester relative to the Incorporation of the South west Parish (So Calld)

Attest—

Josiah Main Town Clerk

Examind & returnd by

Richd Dame } Select men
Jonas C March } of Rochester

Rochester Novr 13th 1798

[9–186] [*Petition for Incorporation of the Congregational Society, 1799.*]

Humbly shew—

The subscribers Selectmen of the town of Rochester for the year 1799, that the Congregational Society in the town of Rochester commonly called the first parish in said town has always hitherto been and continued unincorporated; that many inconveniences result to them from their continuing in that situation. Wherefore they pray that an act for the purpose of incorporating said parish by the name of the First parish in Rochester, may be passed under such regulations as you in your wisdom may think reasonable and just, and as in duty bound will ever pray—

Rochester June 3, 1799.

Richd Dame } In behalf of said town
Beard Plumer } and Selectmen of
Joshua Allen } the same

[9–186¼] [*Petition from the North Part to be set off: addressed to the General Court, 1802.*]

Humbly Sheweth Your Petitioners Inhabitants of that part of Rochester calld the North Parish, that as early as the Year 1774 the Town of Rochester at a Legal Meeting, voted that it was expedient to Divide the Town into three Seperate Towns or Parishes, and then voted where the Division lines should be, Since that time have erected and Compleated a meeting house solely for the accomodation and Conveniency of the south Par-

ish—that in the Year 1793 some parts of the Town Complain[d] that the Division lines were not equal and right, A meeting was call'd, and the Town voted to refer the Subject to a respectable Disinterested Committee who reported in favor of the former lines agreed upon and establish[d] by the Town which report was accepted by the town—that in the Year 1798, application was made by the Inhabitants of the west Parish, to the Honourable Legislature of the State, for an Act of incorporation, agreeably to the abovesaid lines, which was Granted. by reason of said Act the town at present is Divided into two parts, that only Corners one upon the other a bout 150 rods—that many of your Petitioners has to travel twelve and some fifteen miles to attend meetings for the public worship of god and to transact town business—And many other inconveniencies are experienced by your Petitioners by reason of their being in an unincorporated State—

we therefore pray your Honours to incorporate all that part of Rochester that lies between Farmington and the Easterley line of the State into a Seperate and Acting town with town Priveledges so as to enable the Inhabitants to assess Collect and appropriate money for Civil and Religious purposes—this we apprehend will have a happy tendency to promote good order unite and harmonize the whole and make us better men and more useful Citizens—and will we hope add a respectable town to the State of New Hampshire

As we in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Rochester May 28th 1802

Benjamin Scate	Francis Drew	James Berry
James C. Hayes	Paul Jewett	Jeremiah Goodwin
Elijah Horn	John witham	Hanry Rollins
Thomas Nutter	Humphry Goodwin	Henery Rollings
Joseph Plumer	John Remick Junr	Wm Corson
Moses Chamberlin	Saml Chapman	Nathl Jewett
James McGeoch	Isaac Braeket	Nat. Pinkham
John Hanson	Abraham Dearborn	William W Lord
Richard Miller	Joseph Dearborn	Benjamin Jones
Shadrach Hard	Nathaniel Dearborn	Samuel Twombly
Nathaniel Gilman	William Berry	Jotham Ham
Benja Haggins	James Berry Jr	Joseph Cook

his
Samuel × Wentworth Junr
mark

Shubel Roberts	Dudley Burnham	Gilman Jewett
Stephen Jennes	John Twombly	Lias Ricker
Francis Berry	Ernest Corson	Ebenezer Ricker
Joseph Berry	Otis Pinkham	Daniel Dore
James Merrow	Francis Nute	Josiah Willey

Obadiah Witham	Samuel Nute Jr	Robort McGeoch
Gershorm Wentworth	William Tuttle	Nicholas Hartford
	Robert Mathes	Samuel Nute
Ruben Jones	Clement Hayes	John Ricker
John Jones	Wm Palmer	Wentworth Cook
Josiah Witham	John Palmer	Gershom Downs
Amos Witham	Dudley Palmer	Samuel Palmer
Samuel J Wentworth	Ephraim Drew	Peltiah Hanscom
	John Scates	Levi Jones
David Wentworth	Ephraim Twombly	Richard walker
Timothy Roberts	John Remick	John Twombly
John Wentworth	Davied Corson	Ichabod Hayes
Jerediah Ricker	Frederick cate	Caleb Wingate
Lemuel Ricker	John fifield	Daniel Hayes J^{r}
William Hatch	Robert Heart	Jotham Nute
John Downs	william Jones	Ezekiel Hays
Stephen Wentworth Junr	Joshua Corson	Joseph Walker
	Richard Horn	
Samuel Twombly J^{r}	Jonathan Dore	

[The petition was granted, the territory set off, and incorporated into a town by the name of Milton, June 11, 1802.—Ed.]

[9–186½] [*Consent of Town to foregoing.*]

At a Legal Town meeting holden in Rochester on Monday the 31st Day of May 1802

agreeable to the first article in the Notification it was unanimousedly Voted that the Inhabitants of the Northe East part So Call^{d} beginning at the South East end of Farmington by John Trickeys Land North forty Six Degrees East to Salmon falls River have the approbation of the town to petition the general Court to be Set off a Seperate or Distinct town they haveing no objection to their being Set off

a true Copy attest

Josiah Main Town Clerk

ROXBURY.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to procure the formation of this town in 1796 from portions of Packersfield (Nelson), Dublin, and Marlborough. A committee appoint-

ed to examine the premises reported favorably, but it met with opposition from the towns it was to be taken from, and the scheme was defeated.

A petition from the inhabitants "of the southwest part of Packersfield, north part of Marlborough, and east part of Keene," presented to the legislature in 1812, asking to be incorporated into a town, was successful, the territory asked for being incorporated December 9 of that year as a town by the name of Roxbury.

June 15, 1820, Samuel Griffin and his estate were severed from Nelson, and annexed to this town.

By an act passed July 1, 1868, the entire town of Roxbury was annexed to Keene: *Providing*, said act should be adopted by a majority vote in each town. The act, however, was not adopted, and Roxbury remains as it was.

[9–187] [*Petition for an Incorporation, 1796.*]

Your Petitioners inhabiting the south west part of Packersfield, the North part of Marlboro—and North-west part of Dublin—

Humbly Shew

That they live very remote from the Center, but more so from the Meeting-Houses of their respective Towns—

That the situation is such by reason of distance & bad Roads, that they cannot attend Public Worship &c. with any convenience—

That they are destitute of many Town preveliges. That some of their duties, as members of the several Towns are very burdensom—

That the Town of Packersfield, has voted off a Tract of Land at the south west corner thereof and Marlboro—has voted off a Tract at the North End therof for the purpose of making a Township—

That what has been voted off (in their opinion) is inadequate to make a Township—

That your Petitioners have Petitioned the several Towns for a small addition to said grants, but without success—

That if the Tract of Land already voted off, with the addition of a small piece of Packersfield, Marlboro, and Dublin, might be Incorporated a distinct Township it would be highly advantageous to your Petitioners and the Public Interest.—

The Prayer of this their humble Petition, therefore is, that

your Honors would appoint a Committee to Examine the said Premises, at the Cost of your Petitioners—

And your Petitioners further pray, that the Committee so appointed might be directed (if after due examination they Should think it reasonable to make a Township as afore said) to fix the Bounderies and make their report to the Honorable General Court, to be holden in June next—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Lott Cooke in behalf of the Petitioners—

9th Dec. 1796—

[The petition was referred to a committee, who reported as follows :—Ed.]

[9–188] [*Report of Committee, 1797.*]

your Committee appointed in December the 8, 1796 to take into Consideration & vew the Situation of the Southwest part of Peckersfield and the North part of Marlborough & the Norwest part of Dublin as Set forth in the Petition of Lott Cooke and others.

Report as followeth,

Having Explored the above mentioned towns & the Situation of the premises pray^{d} for in the aforeS^{d} Petition are of opinion, that the prayer thereof be granted So far as that thay be incorperated as a town according to the Descriptions following

Begining at the Southesterly Corner of Sullivan then running Easterly till it Strikes the East line of Lot number Six in the fifth Range of Lots in the town of Peckersfild then running Southerly on S^{d} line till it Strikes the Norwest corner of Lot N° 7 in the 2^{d} Range of Lotts in Peckersfield, then running Easterdly on the North Line of the 2^{d} Range till it Strikes Breeds pond so called then Southerly till it Strikes Dublin line, then on the north line of Dublin Easterdly till it comes to the northeastly corner of Lot N° 19 in the 10 Rang, thence Southerly on Sd line till it Strikes the Southesterly corner of Lot N° 19 in the 7 Rang in S^{d} Dublin then Running Westerly on S^{d} line till it Strikes Marlborough East line, then taking thre ranges of Lotts of the north End of Marlborough including two gores of Land one on the north line and the other on the west line of S^{d} Marlborough against Sd Ranges, and from the norwest corner of Marlborough on the west line of Peckersfield to Sullivan

South Line then Easterly on Sullivan South Line to the first menctiond bounds

Dublin Apreel. 12. 1797

all which is Submitted by your Committee—

Nath[l] Emerson
Benj[a] Prescott

[The plan met with opposition, and was defeated in June following. See introduction.—Ed.]

RUMNEY.

The township was granted Oct. 4, 1761, to Samuel Olmstead and others, and regranted to Daniel Brainard and others, March 18, 1767, with the same boundaries as the first grant. Settlements were made in the fall of 1765, by Jonathan Cummings, and in the following year by James Heath, Daniel Brainard, and Moses Smart.

A return made by the selectmen Oct. 28, 1775, stated that the town had eleven men in the army. The bounds of Rumney were established in 1784. (See Vol. XI, p. 729.)

Rumney and Wentworth Union school-district was established by an act approved June 22, 1842, and an amendment passed June 28, 1847, defined its boundaries.

John Stark and Amos Eastman were captured by the Indians while hunting on territory now in this town, April 28, 1752. David Stinson, of Londonderry, who was with them, was killed; his name is perpetuated in Stinson mountain, Stinson brook, and Stinson pond.

[9–189] [*Statement of Grievances: addressed to the Assembly, 1770.*]

The humble petition of us the subscribers being proprietors & inhabitants of the town of Rumney in said province most humbly sheweth That Daniel Brainard of Rumney aforesaid Esq claims & votes upon the major part of said Township in all proprietary meetings and as the law of this province allows every person to vote according to the quantity of his interest

the said Brainard makes use of his power to oppress & injure your Petitioners in the following instances. viz[t]

First they cannot obtain a Committee to examine what mony has been raised by said propriety & how the same hath been collected & how expended: and the petitioners suggest that a large ballance is in the hands of said Brainard.

Secondly. The province road is neglected to be sufficiently repaired altho sufficient mony has been voted for that purpose & your petitioners have paid their part in labour.

Thirdly. No Settlement is made with the Rev[d] M[r] Niles the minister of said town for four years past.

Fourthly. The intervale is not equally divided.

Fifthly. The publick rights are not laid out.

Sixthly. The said Brainard hath not built the mills according to his agreem[t] altho he hath received your petitioners mony for that purpose & no Committee can be obtained to Call him to an account.

Seventhly. The said Brainard against the will of your Petitioners hath voted away two whole shares of land in said town to his friends

Wherefore your Petitioners pray the advisement of your Excellency & Honours on the premises & that they may be relieved as shall seem meet:

And your petitioners as in Duty bound shall pray &[ca]—

Rumney, May 4th 1770.

Thomas Niles	Richard Smart	John Clifford
Caleb Kimball	Hugh Ramsey	Jonathan hall
Barnabas Niles	Elihu Johnson	William Webber
Pelatiah Watson	Charles Clark	William Presson
Isaiah Bachelder	Isaac Clifford	Thomas Ramsey
Isaac clifford Jr	Ma[tt] Ramsey	Nathaniel Hall

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 8, 1771, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[9–190] [*Committee appointed to procure Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

Colony of Newhampshier Rumney June the 29th 1776—

at a meeting held this Day Voted to Send Major Alexander Craige, and M[r] Michael Dwyer to provide arms and Ammunition to Supply the inhabitants of this town and to act and pursue Such Measures as the shall think most Effectual to accomplish the matter above Mentioned in order to Defend our Lives

Liberties and properties Against the incursion of the Enemy on our frontiers, Likewise we bind ourselves to the S^{d} Craige and Dwyer to Discharge unto them as Soon as the Return, the price and Cost of S^{d} arms & ammunition with all other Charges Which may Arise pertaining to the Same By order of the Committee

Ma^{tt} Ramsay
Chairman—

[9–191] [*Petition for a Supply of Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

Rumney June the 29th 1776—

Whereas we are alarmed with the News, that the Enemy is like to make incursions on our frontiers, the inhabitants of this town, hath at a meeting Called for that purpose Voted to Send Major Alexander Craige and Mr Michael Dwyer to provide arms & amunition for S^{d} town, in order to be in Readiness to assist our frontier Brethren to Defend our Lives Liberties and properties We therefore pray the Honorable Committee of Safety of this Colony to Supply the above Deligates with what the think is Sufficient to supply S^{d} inhahitants By order of the Committee

Ma^{tt} Ramsay Chairman

	£	
14 Stands of Arms *a*	3 per D^{o}—	£42
60^{lb} w^{t} of Powder *a*	6/ per lb —	18
180 D^{o} of Lead		7, 2, 6
100 flints		6, 0
		£67, 8, 6

the Above is a Calculation of What arms and amunition is wanted to Supply the Township of Rumney

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[9–193] [*Certificate in favor of Peter Mahew, 1779.*]

This May Certify that Peter Mahew is a Person, who we are well acquainted with, and of Undoubted Character, and Served in the Service of the United States, as an Interpreter, also in other employ, we recommend him to the Honorable Council and Representatives of the State of New Hampshire Convened at Exeter to take his Petition into Consideration, the Place he now Lives on being of little Value, and for the future he may

be of great Service, he understanding both the English and French Language—The Person who was the right Owner having proved Himself an Enemy to the States, and said Mahew a Loyal Subject—

26th Febr 1779

Jacob Bayley
Alexander Craig
Thomas Niles
Charles Clark } Select men
Michael Dwyer } of Rumney
Moses Dow
David Hobart
Saml Emerson
David Webster
Matt Ramsey
Joseph Senter

[The petition referred to is No. 192, and is a request to have his title confirmed to some land situate in Rumney that he purchased of Stephen Holland, of Londonderry.—Ed.]

[9-194] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

We the Subscribers certify that in the Town of Rumney there is fifty Male Persons of the age of twenty one years and Upwards paying for themselves a Poll tax

Rumney 8th Decemr A D 1783

Abraham Burnham } Select
Danl Brainerd Jr } Men

[R. 3-235] [*Soldiers' Order, 1780.*]

Exeter April 13th 1780.

Pleas to charge me with Eight hundred dollars towards depreciation & credit the same to Lt Colo H. Dearborn he having paid me that sum in money this day—

Wm: Presson Sergt

To the Committee on Soldiers accts

Presson belongs to Rumney

[R. 3–236] [*Soldier's Receipt.*]

Received of the Committee of Supplys to Soldiers famelies in the town of Rumney Tenn Pounds It Being What the town Rais[d] Last Annuil Meeting for the Supplies of the family of Thomas Pitts a Soldier in the Newhamshir Line During the War—

I Say Receiv[d] the above Sum to my full Satisfaction

Rumney December 21th 1781

her
Sarah × Pitts
mark
Wife of the above Thomas Pitts

attest Benjimen Whitemore Levi Wyman

[Prov. & Rev. Papers, p. 157.]

Samuel Holland Esq—his Land Tax in Rumney Feb[y] 1785 £21–9–0

This may Certifie that their is Rais[d] 33 *S* on Each original undivided Right in Charter in the Township of Rumney By the Proprietors of s[d] Township and that the following Rights are now the Property of Samuel Holland Esq, now an absentee as appears by the County Records

Henry Champion	£1–13–0	Ebenezer Spencer	£1–13–0
Francis Lock ½ right	0–16–6	Aaron Breaneard	1–13–0
Icabod Olmstead	1–13–0	Daniel Breaneard	1–13–0
James Heath	1–13–0	Alexander Craige	1–13–0
Moses Smart	1–13–0	Christopher Holmes	1–13–0
Joseph Arnold ½ right	0–16–6	Edmond Elliot	1–13–0
Charles Clarke	1–13–0	Timothy Boge	1–13–0
		£21–9–0	

Zebadee Berry } assessors for the
Edward Everett } Proprietors of Rumney

Rumney Feb 17–1785

[9–195] [*Petition for a Magistrate, 1785.*]

to the honorable general Court in New hamshier Seting in Concord

gantlemen we the Subscribers beg the faver of haveing A nother justice of the peace in this town by labouring under a

disadvantage by his being absent At sundry times we are abliged to leave the town for the want of another Justice of the peace tharefore we desire your honours If you see fit to grant us this faver—

Rumney October the 18 A D 1785

Charles Clark	Reuben Doe
Thomas Newman	Elisha Smart
Wm Presson	John weeks
Thomes Ramsey	Ebenezer Brainerd
Matthew Ramsey	Timothy Townshend
Jonathan Clark	Amos Stevens
John Doe	Daniell Smart

[February 27, 1786, Major Alexander Craige was appointed justice of the peace, and Capt. Abraham Burnham was appointed coroner for the county of Grafton.—Ed.]

[9–196] [*Petition for Authority to Raise Money by Special Tax: addressed to the Legislature, January 17, 1791.*]

The Petition of the Select Men of Rumney in behalf of the Inhabitants thereof humbly shew that the Publick road through said Town is very bad and much out of repair and that the Inhabitants thereof have made and kept in repair Roads and Bridges therein much beyond their ability and whereas it is for the Publick good as well as for the Inhabitants and adjacent Towns that some new road or roads be made therein—Your Petitioners

therefore In behalf of said Inhabitants humbly pray your Honors to grant a Tax of two pence on each acre of land in said Rumney, which is now laid out and appropriated, publick lands excepted for the sole purpose of making & repairing roads and bridges therein one Moiety thereof to be laid out on the now Publick or main road through said Town the other Moiety or half of said Tax to be laid out on the back road if to be spaired otherwise where the Select men of said Rumney for the time being may direct and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will pray

Abrah^m^ Burnh^m^ } Select
Charles Clark } Men

[The foregoing petition was granted by an act passed June 17, 1791.—Ed.]

RYE.

Settlements were made on territory now in this town as early as 1635. It was called Sandy Beach for some years, and was connected with Portsmouth until the incorporation of New Castle, May 30, 1693, and was thenceforth a part of the last named town until separated by an act passed April 30, 1726, and, in connection with portions of Portsmouth and Hampton, incorporated as "a parish by the name of Rye."* By this act Rye was to send a representative to the assembly, and the selectmen for that year were to be William Seavey, Jr., Samuel Brackett, Joshua Foss, Richard Goss, Joseph Philbrook, John Garland, Richard Jenness, Lieut. William Lock, and Joseph Lock. The town elected Richard Jenness to the assembly the same year.

December 17, 1763, an act was passed appointing Francis Jenness, Ozem Dowse, Joseph Brown, James Mardin, and Jeremiah Lock as a committee to construct a wharf to prevent the tide from destroying Sandy Beach.

All that part of New Castle situated on the south-west side of the river was annexed to this town by an act passed Dec. 22, 1791.

An act was passed Dec. 17, 1792, appointing James Hill of New Market, Jeremiah Batchelder of Kensington, and Joshua Weeks of Greenland, a committee to "establish and fix the line between said parish of North Hampton and the parish of Rye." The report of said committee, which is recorded in Charter Records, Vol. 4, p. 257, was to be conclusive.

By an act approved July 20, 1876, the town of Gosport was annexed to this town.

Rye contains about one third of the sea-coast of the state, on which are some fine beaches, which are much frequented in summer.

[9–197] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to drain a Pond: addressed to the Assembly, Dec. 31, 1756.*]

Humbly Sheweth Joses Philbrook of the Parish of rye that there is a Pond in Said Parish called the Little boars-head Pond

* For petition, see Vol. IX, pp. 735 to 740.

Scituate about forty rods from Sea Shore which by Cutting a Canal from the Sea at or near Fox Hill so Called to the Pond would open a Communication with the Sea & the Said Canal being Secured with rocks (which is feezable) would open a retreat for any Small Vessells where they might Anchor with Safety & would be of great Service to Coasters & fishermen— Especialy such as should be catched in the Bay with an Easterly Wind—

That your Memorialist has Attempted the opening such a Canal in the Place afore Said with out any asstance but finding it would be too Expensive to be at the Charge of Compleating the whole without some Aid Desisted Imagining a Thing of such Publick advantage would meet with Publick Encouragement—

Wherefore he humbly Prays that he may so far have the Countenance of the Governmt as to be Indulged with the Liberty of raising (by way of Lottery) such a Sum as will Enable him to Perfect the said work the said Lottery to be under such rules and Directions as your Excellency & Hon^{rs} Shall think Proper—

Your Petitioner is humbly of Oppinion that he could (upon being Admitted) give your Excellency & Hon^{rs} Convincing Arguments to prove not only the great advantage such an Inlet would be to the Publick but also the feezableness of its being made Passable & Durable this Granted your Petitioner as In Duty bound Shall ever Pray &c

Joses Philbrick

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 18, 1757, the following scheme was presented and accepted. Hunking Wentworth and Elliot Vaughan were appointed managers, to which the council added William Knight and William Earle Treadwell.—Ed.]

[9-198] [*Lottery Scheme.*]

A Scheme to Raise by way of Lottery the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds Old Tenor agreeable to vote of the Genl Assembly for Opening a Harbour at Rye—Viz^{t}—

6000 Tickets *a* £ 6— £36000

1500 Prizes
4500 Blanks

6000

Prizes Viz^{t}—

2 of	£1000—	£2000
2—	750—	1500
4—	500—	2000
6—	250—	1500
10—	100—	1000
33—	50—	1650
100—	30—	3000
150—	20—	3000
307		15650
1193—	12—	14316
1500 Prizes		29966
Allowed profit		6000
		35966
Charges of Printing		34
		£36000

The Above Calculation is three Blanks to One prize & Subject to no Deduction

[9–200] [*Alleged illegal Election, 1775.*]

Colony of New Hampshire—

To the honorable Provincial Congress to be held at Exeter 21st day of Decem^{r} 1775—

The Humble Petition of us the Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of Rye in the County of Rockingham Shews that Mr Nathan Goss of said Rye Carpenter at a Meeting of the freeholders and Inhabitants of said Rye held there the Eleventh day of this Instant by indirect ways and means obtained the majority of the Votes of said Inhabitants appointing him as a Delegate of said Congress, the said Goss having no real Estate in this Colony to qualify him for that important Trust

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the said Goss may be dismissed and that the Inhabitants of said Rye may be admitted to a new Choice—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Rye Decem^{r} 15th 1775

ozem Doust	Nehemiah Moulton	William Berry Junr
Francis Jenness	Arter Libbey	William Berry
Joseph Jenness	Henry Elkins	Nathan Towl
Jonathan Towl Junr	Samuel Elkins	Nicholas Dolbeer

Richard Brown	Reuben moulton	Joseph Brown
Titus Philbrick	Simon Lampere	abraham Libbee
Sam[ll] Jenness	Richard Jenness	William Seavey
Samuel Wells	Sam[l] Jenness Junr	James Lock
Simon Jenness	Job Jennes	John Jenness Ju[r]
Jonathan Goss	Job Jennes Jun[r]	Joseph Lock
Job Brown	Joseph Sevey	Jacob Tebbts
James Hobbs	Joseph Rand	Jonathan Jenness
Sam[ll] Huntriss	Francis Jenness Jun[r]	John Jenness
Stephen Dolbeer	Rich[d] Jenness Jun[r]	Amos Pain
Rich[d] Jenness 3[d]	Jeremiah Berry	
Benjamin Libbey	Joseph Rand Jun[r]	

[The petition was not granted. Nathan Goss was "allowed to take his seat."—Ed.]

[R. 3-237] [*Jonathan Philbriek, Soldier, 1760.*]

[In a petition dated March 24, 1761, James Philbrick stated that his son Jonathan was in the province service as a private under Capt. Jeremiah Marston in the expedition against Canada in 1760; that he was taken sick at Crown Point. He asked for an allowance to pay for getting him home, and for the services of Dr. John Weeks of Hampton, which was granted to the extent or £4, 10s. sterling.—Ed.]

[R. 3-240] [*Joseph Towle, Soldier, 1761.*]

[In a petition dated Feb. 4, 1761, Jonathan Towle stated that his son Joseph was in the province service under the command of Capt. George March, in the expedition against Canada, and died on the way home, and "Everything he had was lost." He asked for an allowance, which was not granted.—Ed.]

[R. 3-241] [*Samuel and Nathaniel Marden, Soldiers.*]

Nathaniel Marden and Samuel Marden, In the year 1775 ware sick eight or ten days and Samuel Marden died being in the American servis and under Doctor hall Jacksons Care and the nursing of Samuel Marden 0-18-0
and Nathanel nursing 1-0-0

Nathanel Marden

Witness—
Abraham Libbee

her
Marget × marden
mark

[They were in Capt. Joseph Parsons's company, Wingate's regiment.—Ed.]

[R. 3–244.] [*Rand's Enlistment, 1776.*]

Rye March the 4 1776

We the Subscribers Dwe in List in the american Servis Vnder Mr Nathaniel Rand for oueir Captain or Lefnt

John his × mark ordua
timothy Berey
James Lock
noar Shirboun
Solomon Verell
Benjamin marden Jur
John Rand
James Seavey
Joshua Rand
John his × mark Verill
William Rand
mark Rendell
Samuel Hunt
Samuel Molton
Samuel Morrison
Rich[d] Rand
Eleck Leear
Elijah Tucker
Gashiem Loumbey
Nath[l] Harris
Henry Long
Eleck his × mark Lear Jun
Willm Gibes
Jonathan Dow
William Trefethin
Nathl L. Tucker
Alexander Morrison
Henry Shapley
Nathaniel Lear
Peter grant
Tob[s] Trundy
Joseph Rand
Thomas Lang
John Leear
John Blunt
James Royin
Stephen Barton
Leevey Gooss
Nathaniel Jording
John Trefethern Jur
Stephen Lawry
Job foss
Joseph Yeaton
John Rand
John Rand 3[d]
Edward Rendell
William Yeaton
Samuel Rand
Nathaniel Tucker Jur
George Rendell
Joseph horl

[R. 3–246] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Rye April the 16th 1781.

To Nicklos Gilman Esq[r] tresuery of the State of New hampsher, Ples to Pay my wagers to Jeremiah Lock Esq[r] as they shall Becom Due to me as a Contnental Solger and you will oblig yours to Serv

William gregory

Sam[l] Jenness

[R. 3–247]

Rye Dec[r] 9th 1784.

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire.

Sir. Please to pay Ben I.—— or order all that is due to me I

having been a Soldier in the 3d New Hampshire Regt Value Received, Witness my hand

William his × mark Wallice

Attest. John Haines John Nicholls

[R. 3–248] [*Peter Akerman, Soldier, 1777.*]

To the Honourable the General Court conven'd at Portsmouth this 7th day of June A D 1785—

The Petition of Peter Akerman of Rye in the State of New-hampshire and County of Rockingham Humbly shews that your Petitioner Enlisted a Soldier in Capt. Beel's Company Coll Scamels Regt in the year 1777 for the term of three years that on the 19th of September 1777 at the Battle at Bemous's Heights your petitioner was wounded by a Musket Ball entering in at his Elbow and coming out at his Shoulder. * * * *

Rye June ye 7th 1785 Peter Akerman

[Dr. Hall Jackson certified the truth of the foregoing, and the legislature voted him twenty shillings per month until further orders.—Ed.]

[Rev. Pap. p. 55] [*Rye men in Col. Nathan Hale's Batt.*]

Joseph Lock,	age	22,	Capt. Bell's Co.
Jonathan Lock,	"	20,	" Blodgett's Co.
Abraham Clifford	"	22,	" " "

[9–201] [*Relative to Continental Soldiers: addressed to the General Court, June 10, 1783.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye in the State aforesaid Humbly shews—That your Petitioners at the commencement of the Late War had their Proportion of Continental Soldiers Liquidated to them according to the Number of Polls in Sd Parish which made their Quota for the three Regiments twenty one Men—Afterwards when the other Regulation took place and every Town sent their Men according to the tax they paid (which we conceive is the only equitable Way) your Petitioners Quota for two Regiments was Eleven Men which makes it Evident their Proportion for three Regiments at the most wou'd have been but Sixteen Men and one half—Therefore we had three Men and one half in the Service for three

Years more than our just Proportion And were also oblig'd to send out the Militia in the same proportion which put us to such an Expence as we have never been able to extricate ourselves from to the present Day—Your Petitioners conceiv'd at the Time it was more than their Equitable Proportion yet imprest with a Zeal to serve their Country they without hesitation raised every Man except one and sent them into the Service—

Afterwards when by the misfortunes of War we were deficient four Men the Honourable Court order'd us by a Resolve

To raise s^{d} Men or pay into the Treasury of this State Eight Hundred Dollars which sum we are utterly unable to pay—We trust your Honours upon Examination will find if the above representation be fact which we are ready to prove that we have had three Men and one half in the Service for three Years more than our Just proportion and are deficient four Men the remaining part of the Time by which it appears we have had more than our full proportion of Men in the Service during the War Comparing one Time with another

Also by being a Frontier Town we were expos'd to the frequent insults of the Enemy and were oblig'd to guard the Sea Coast a Considerable time at our own expence, besides a Number of our Seafaring men engag'd on board Continental Ships and others of private Property which depriv'd us of their Assistance and threw an additional Burden upon us—as we have always been ready to assist even beyond our Abilities in bringing about this important Era we wou'd by no means shrink back or endeavour to throw any part of the Burden from our Shoulders on others but are entirely willing to pay our full part of the Expence—but no more

Relying on the justness of our Cause Your Petitioners humbly pray your Honours wou'd take the same into your serious Consideration and remit the foregoing Sum or redress them in Such Way as you in you great Wisdom shall see meet and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Joseph Persons
David Lock } Select Men
Isaac Dow

At a Legal Meeting of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye conven'd at the Meeting-house in S^{d} Parish on Monday the Ninth Day of June A. D. 1783—

Voted that the Selectmen Present the within Petition to the general Court and that a Copy of this Vote be inserted on the Back of the Petition

True Copy Attest Joseph Parsons Clerk P. T.

[9–202] [*Samuel Jenness, for a Magistrate: addressed to the President and Council, 1784.*]

We your Humble Petitioners Shoes that wharas Samuel Jenness Esqr of Rye in the State aforesaid and County of Rockingham has been one of our Justes of the Peas for abought Twelve Years and in Peticular through the Deficaltes of the Late War and as their has Northing appeared against his Conduct in that office we your Houmbel Petitoners prayes that he may be Renued under the New Constitution and your Petitoners as in Dutey Bound will ever Pray—

Rye January 20th 1784

Joseph Rand
Nathan Knowles
Samuel Daves
Jacob Beary
Richard Brown
Jonathan Lock Junr
Samuel Walles
David Lock
Isaac Dow
Levi Goss
Wiliam Seavey
Samuel Morreson
Jonathan Jenness Junr
Jonathan Lock
Benjamin Jenness
Frances Jenness Junr
Job Foss
Robord Sanders
Abraham Mathas
Samuel Rand
Daniel Seavey
Dowst Rand
Nathanel Rand
Ebenezer Walles
Daneil Mason
Walles Foss
William yeaton
Timothey Berey
Gorge Randell

William Bary
John Webster
thomas Lang
Samuel Walles
Abraham Libbey
John Jenness
William Trefetheren
Robord Sanders Junr
Enemiah Moulton
Joseph Jenness
Richd Webster
Jonathan Jenness
Joseph Seavey
Levi Jenness
Benjamin Marden
John Doust
Osem Doust
Richard Jenness 3^{d}
Richd Jenness Junr
Joseph yeaton
Peter Johnson Junr
John Foss
Bickford Lang
Jeremiah Barry
Benjamen Marden
Nathanel Tucker
Isrel Rand
Edward Hall
Wiliam Tucker
Joseph Hall

Simon Jenness
Frances Jenness
Joseph Rand
Joseph Rand Junr
Tristam Sleeper
Ruben Moulton
Jonathan Towl
Samuel Towle
Stepen Rand
Jeremiah Brown
Samuel Smith
Henry Elkens
Richd Jenness
John Jeness
Nathanel Jenness
Nathanel Jenness Junr
Ruben Philbrock
Peter Jenness
John Jenness 3^{d}
James Brown
Job Jenness
John Brown
Eliger Lock
William Lock
Simon Jonson
Peter Garland
Neckles Dolbey
John Garland
Benjmen Garland

[9–203] [*Relative to the Representative Class: addressed to the General Court, Nov. 9, 1784.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye Humbly shews

That the Parish of Rye when the Constitution took place was annex'd to the Town of Newcastle in Representation which they find to be very inconvenient expensive and injurious to the Town on many Accounts There being no Bridge renders the passing and repassing from one Town to the other very difficult and at some times almost impracticable Besides under the old Constitution they always had the liberty of sending A Representative and they want but a very few of the Number of Rateable Polls assigned them in the Constitution to enable them to send one They also conceive their is a Clause provided in the Constitution which will entitle your Petitioners to send A Representative without being clas'd with any other Town—

Your Petitioners Humbly pray your Honours wou'd take their Case into your serious consideration and discontinue the connection between them and the Town of Newcastle that Your Petiteoners may have the Liberty of sending a Representative by themselves and your Petitioners as in duty Bound will ever pray &c

Levi Jenness	Joseph Philbrick	Jonathan Philbrick
Jonathan Jenness	Nicholas Dolbeer	Nathaniel foos
John Foss	Peter Johnson Junr	Samuel Elkins
John Garland	Richd Lock Junr	John Varrell
James Perkins	Thomas Lang	Joseph Man Ju^{r}
Sam^{ll} Knowls	Jonathan Hobbs	Joseph Philbrick Junr
Richd Webster	Sam^{ll} Lebbee	Richd Brown
Peter Jenness	Simon Johnson	James Brown
Joseph Parsons	Richd Jenness 3^{d}	Benjamin Mardin
David Lock	Jonathan Lock Junr	Junr
Nathan Goss	Eleck Lear	John Jenness
Timothy Berry	John Seavey	George Rand
Joseph Rand	George Randall	Isaac Dow
Joseph Garland	Sam^{ll} Morison	Simon Jenness
James Goss	Willm Yeaton	EBenezer Berry
Joseph Lock	Nathan kowls	Nat^{ll} Foss Junr
Elijah Lock Junr	Isaac Seveay	Sam^{ll} Berry
James T Berry	Samuel Wallis Jur^{r}	Ebenezer Walliss
Peter Johnson	Jeremiah Berry	James hobbs
John Garland	Henry Elkins	Joseph Rand
Jonathan Lock	Reuben Moulton	Nathanil marden
Benjamin Garland	Levi Goss	Abraham Libbey
William Marden	John Foye	Nathanell Jenness
Samuel D foss	Daniel Masson	Saml Jenness
George Randell	William Lock	

[9-204] [*Report of a Committee on laying out a Road, 1784.*]

We the Subscribers Appointed by the hon^ble^ Court of General Sessions of the peace to lay out a Road from that which runs by Rye Meetinghouse to Long lane (so Called) have done the Same in the following Manner Viz^t^ Beginning at the South East Corner of Land of Samuel Rand & Benjamin Marden thence running on the Easterly side of said Land North about 31 degrees west 80 Rods thence North 15 Degrees west through a Corner of Samuel Dowse Foss's Land leaving as Much of a Corner of said Rand and Mardens Land into said Foss's Land on this point 11 Rods—to be fenced by the Parish of Rye thence Northwest About 40 Degrees 80 Rods to Portsm^o^ Line—Which Road we have laid Out two Rods wide & have Estimated the Land being two Acres & Twenty two Rods at Ten pounds Ten Shillings to be paid to the said Rand & Marden by the Parish of Rye—The removing and building 171 Rods of Fence to be done & paid by the said Parish of Rye—From the said Portsmouth Line we proceeded North about 47 Degrees West on the Easterly side of Mark Langs Land 173½ Rods thence on the same Course on the Easterly side of Sherburnes Land 121 Rods to the said Long lane Road—It Appeared to us that there was a Priviledge of a Road three Rods wide from said Long Lane to New Castle & Portsmouth Line Nearly in the same place where we have laid out said Road and we have Estimated the making 173½ Rods of Fence at Thirty pounds to be paid to Mr Mark Lang by the Town of Portsmouth and the Making 121 Rods of Fence at Twenty one pounds three shillings to be paid to said Sherburne by said Town of Portsmouth—May 5th 1784—

Wm Weeks
Ephraim Pickering
Joseph Dow

A Copy Att^d^ N Emery Junr Clerk pro Tem
Js. Peace

[9-205] [*Petition relative to Military Grievances: addressed to the General Court, Feb. 9, 1785.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Rye Humbly shews—That your Petitioners by Virtue of an Act passed the last Session of the General Assembly were dissolved from their Connection with the first Reg^t^ in this State and Joind with the Reg^t^ Commanded by Col^l^ Moulton which is very inconvenient to the Town in many respects—Your Petitioners before the

commencement of the late War were an Independent Company —after the War began they were join'd to the 1st Regt which though it was not so agreeable to the Town yet considering the difficulty of the Times they acquies'd in it and wou'd still have remained happy in their Station had not your Honours seen cause to have alter'd their situation which besides other inconveniences it maketh our travel more than Double Your Petitioners can't conceive the Reason why they shou'd be singled out as the only Time-serving Company in the State this being the fifth Time they have been shifted about from one Regt and Station to another which they conceive has not been the Case with any other Campany in this State or even on the Continent —Being conscious that they have always discharged their Duty in every Measure that tended to the public Good they Imagine the Method now adopted will be a means of breaking up the peace and good Order that now subsists in the town—Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honours wou'd restore them to the Station they were in before the War in being an Independent Company as they conceive there is the same reason for their being an Independent Company now there was then (as they never forfieted the Birth—) But if that shou'd be found inconsistant with the public Weal your Petitioners pray they may have the Liberty of reuniting with the 1st Regt again or if your Honours for any particular Reason shou'd not see cause to grant the prayer of this petition your Petitioners pray they may have a Day thereon and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Joseph Parsons	Beniamin Marden	Abraham Libbee
Nathaniel Rand	Steven Marden	Josep Rand
Joseph Seavey	Alexander Salter	John Garland
John Webster	George Rendall	Joseph Libbe
Daniel Fitsgreald	Jotham Berry	Joshep Rand Junr
William Verill	george Rendall Junr	Levi Jenness
Thomas Rand	William yeaten	Jacob Brry
John Rand	nathaniel Foss	Benjamin Jenness
Levi Goss	Abraham Mathews	Isaac Dow
Ebenezer Seavey	Samuel Libbee	William Lock
Samuel Lear	Joseph Rand	Richard Lock
Benjamin Lear	Thomas Lang	Simon Jenness
eleck Lear	Samll Walliss Junr	Joseph Lock Junr
Joshua Rand	John Varrill	Peter Garland
James Seavey	Ebenezer walliss	John Garland Juner
Robert Sanders Junr	Daniel Mason	Jonathan Garland
James Seavy Junr	Dudley Norton	Simon Garland
John Seavy	Nehemiah Molten	Simon Garland Jun
Amos Seavey	Samuel Morrison	Josph Garland

Samuel Wallies
James Seavey
William Seavey
John Foye
william Berry
Robert Sanders
Simon Knowles
William Sanders
John Foss
Job Foss
Joseph Hall
Israel Rand
Edward Hall
Richard Green
Timothy Berry
Edward Varrell
Joseph Yeaten
Richd Webster
Nathaniel Marden iuner
William Trefethen
Josiah Webster
William Marden
Peter Akerman
Jeremiah Berry
Levi Berry
Jonathan Hobbs
Solomon Berry
James Hobbs
Benjamin Garland
Aons Garland
James T. Berry
Benjamin Marden Jur
James Goss
Jonathan Lock
John Lock
Jonathan Lock Jur
Merefield Berry
Ebennezer Berry
Samuel wells
John dowst
Jonathan dowst
Richard Jenness 3
Nicholas Dolbeer
John Lang
Bickford Lang
John Garland
Nathan Knowls
John Knowls
Nathan Goss
Elijah Lock
Joseph Philbrick
Job Jenness
Richd Jenness Jun
John Browne
John Lock
David Smith
Samll Elkens
Samll Jenness
John Jenness Jur
Peter Jenness
Jonathan Jenness
James brown
Jonathan wedgwood
James Dow
Joseph Jenness
Nathanail Rand Jun

SALEM.

The town was incorporated by the governor and council May 11, 1750, and comprised a portion of the territory which had previously been known as the "Haverhill district," and the territory severed from Methuen and Dracut, Mass., by the settlement of the province line. The petition for incorporation may be found in Vol. IX, p. 749. Previous to its incorporation it had existed as a district, by virtue of an act passed March 18, 1741–'42, which applied to all territory taken from Massachusetts towns by the settlement of said line, until it was incorporated into, or annexed to, towns in New Hampshire.

A dispute arising between Salem and Windham, concerning the line between the two towns, was settled by the governor and council by an instrument dated January 9, 1752, establishing a new line.

Salem man in First New Hampshire Regiment: Moses Heath enlisted April 6, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

[9–211] [*Relative to formation of Counties: addressed to the General Assembly, 1769.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers being Inhabitants of the Town of Salem in Said Province, Most Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners being Informed, that the Province is about being divided into Counties for the ease and Benefit of the Inhabitants in General, In transacting their Business of a Publick Nature, And being also Informed that the General Assembly have Voted a small County, to be Set off adjacent to the Westerly Side of Merrimack River. Your Petitioners pray that the Towns of Bow Chester Londonderry Pelham Plastow Salem Hampstead & Sandown which lay Conveniently situated to said County may be Annexed thereto, as would Save the most of the Inhabitants of Said Towns thirty Miles travel in transacting their Business with the Courts Judges of Probates Registers &c. And no other Person whatsoever would as your Petitioners Conceive be Injured thereby—And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray &c—

Evan Jones	Stephen wheeler	James Gregg
Richard Kimball	Stephen Wheeler Jr	John Clement
Daniel Peasle	Jona Wheeler	Robt young
Abel Chase	John Johnson	Arron Copp
Daniel Massey	william wheeler	John Rowell
Benja wheeler	John Cross	Oliver Dow
Abijah Wheeler	Joseph ordway	
Jonathan Massey	Samuel ordway	

[Other petitions of the same nature contain the following:]

Robert Spear	Will Smith Jur	Nathan Hesseltine
Richard Kelly	Joseph merrill	Daniel Hesselton
Nathan Webster	Isarel Ober	Nathll webster
Hasadiah Woodbery	Ebenezer Page	John Baley Juner
Ebenr Woodbery	Abbit Pettengill	moses Baley
Hugh Campbll	Daniel Hardy	Joshua Emerson Jur
Jonathan Woodbery	Timothy Merrill	Seth Patee
Joseph Hull	Amos Merrill	Jerediah Patee
John Smith	Jonathan Baley	Nathll Merrell
Arter Corkwood	Rapha Hall	Richd Patee
Ebenezer Hall	Wm Leech	Edwd Patee
Benjn Nesmith	David Hall	Oliver Kimball
John Bradford	John Jaques	Peter Merrill
Israel Woodbery	John Jaques Juer	James Clough
John Woodbery	thomas Runnels	Benoni Rowell

Simon Bradford
William Thom
Elisha woodbery
Timothy Lankaster
Asa Colles
John Lowel juner
Joseph Cresey
Jonathan Colles jun
Richard Thisell
Jona^{n} Frye
Jesse merril
John Giles
John Ellinwood
thomas mackglathlon
John moorland
Willam moorland
Wi^{ll} Gordin
William Smith
Joshua heath
peter morrill jun
Daniel Corlis
Wimon Clough
David Heath
Jonathan Corlis
Morse Corlis
william Clough
John Corning
Abial Asten
John Hall
Joshua Hall
Oliver Kimball jur
David Neviens
Derry & Chester, &c
Thos Douglass
Wm Sanders
Nath^{ll} Dow
Jeremiah Dow
Oliver Sanders
Richard Dow
Asa Dow
Richd Cresey
Timothy Emerson
Daniel Bedel
Jacob Bedel
John Currier Ju^{r}
Joshua Sanders
Jonathan Terry
James Hastings
Daniel Ladd
Stephen Currier
John Kelly
John Lowell
John Bayley
Jonathan Bayley iur
Thomas silver
Jonathan Hesseltine
Samuel Hilton
Asa Rowell
Philip Rowell
John Allen
Philip Clement
Sam^{ll} Clement
Israel young
Nath^{ll} Woodman
Caleb Duston
Daniel Gorden
John Currier
Johnson Hulehon
Abraham Ames
Alexnder Gordon
Job Corliss
Emil webster
George Corliss
William Corliss
Amos Dow
Samuel Kelley
Richard Dow J^{r}
James Jones
Sam^{ll} Sanders
Joseph Sanders
Peter Patee
Wm Clement
Josiah Rowell
Josiah Rowell Junr

[9-214] [*Relative to Service in the Army, 1778. Names of Soldiers furnished.*]

The Petition of Richard Dow of Salem in the County of Rockingham in Said State Esqr Agent for the inhabitants of Said Salem—Humbly Sheweth—That the Said inhabitants being Sensible of the Justice & importance of the Grand American cause and the Expediency of the present Opposition of the United States against the Bloody & unrelenting hand of British Tyranny; & the Necessity not only of Each State but the Several Towns; & even individuals in the Respective States to raise their full Proportion of men for filling up the Continental Army & other Requisitions for the Support of Such opposition —Have at all times chearfully exerted themselves to comply with every order & Requisition for those purposes, and notwithstanding many Embarrasments have heretofore been able to

furnish their full Quota of men and taxes without delay, and upon every alarm turned out a very large proportion of Volunteers in the Cause of their Country—That orders were issued for raising twenty five men to Serve as Soldiers in the three New Hampshire Regts in the Continental Army for three years or during the war—Upon which Said Inhabitants with great Difficulty & Expence, in due time, procurd twenty two of Said men who Servd in the Continental Army the last years Campaign—That contrary to the Resolves of this State & the State of the Massachusetts Bay, five able bodied Effective men have inlisted & now are Soldiers in the Continental Regts Raised by the Said State of Massachusetts Bay—(viz.) John McNell in Capt Hustons Company, John Howard, uncertain in whose Company & both of Coln Crains Regt Nathll Woodbury in Capt Billy Porters Company & the late Coln Francis Regt, James Berry in Capt Marshalls company in Colno Marshalls Regt & Enoch Bailey, uncertain whose Regt he belongs to, which has draind of Every man from amongst us that could be Spard without great injury to the Town—That the families of three of the Aforesaid Soldiers are chargeable to the Inhabitants of Said Town in such Manner that notwithstanding the charity of individuals, which has been very considerable the Expence has not been less than fifteen Dollars pr week for many months past, and the Charges are likely to increase, without the least Prospect of Assistance from the Soldiers to whom those families respectively belong—all which has hitherto prevented Said inhabitants from procuring the other three Soldiers required of them by the orders aforesaid—

Wherefore your Petitioner in his Capacity aforesaid, without troubling your Honours with any larger detail of Grievances, begs leave humbly to pray That this Honourable Court would take the Premises into your wise consideration & Direct Some method of procedure whereby the aforesaid Soldiers may be allowed as part of the Quota of Said Town of Salem in Such Sort & manner as that Said Inhabitants may be Released from procuring those three Soldiers for making up and Compleating twenty five as aforesd or any other way and Manner that your Honrs Shall See good to Relieve the Said inhabitants and your Petitioner, Agent as aforesaid As in duty bound will ever pray &c

Richard Dow

[R. 3–249] [Petition of John Balch, by Jacob Bayley, his attorney, who stated that he enlisted in the army in 1759, in Captain Bayley's company; was taken sick at Albany, and was discharged in August. He asked to have an allowance to pay Dr. Symonds Baker for attendance.—Ed.]

[R. 3–252] [Daniel Peaslee, administrator of the estate of John Beadle, of Salem, stated that said Beadle was in the army in 1760, took the small-pox, and died. He asked for an allowance for the expenses of his sickness. Petition was dated May 27, 1762.—Ed.]

[R. 3–253] [*Soldiers' Orders, 1778.*]

To Col° Gilman treasurer Genearal Ples to Pay to Capt Jeremiah Dow my ration money for my Servis in the Campain at Stilwater in the year 1777 I Being in Col° Drakes Ridgerment & Capt Jesse Pages Company & you will oblidge yours

Abijah Wheeler Lieut.

Salem November ye 16: 1778

[R. 3–254]

Salem in New Hamshir March 6th 1778. mr. Nick Gilman Steate treasury Sur plese to pay to Capt Jeremiah Dow my Beliten and rosians and twile A Blige yours to sarve

Benj^{a} Hall

[R. 3–255] [*Petition of Aaron Copp, Soldier, 1779.*]

To the Honb^{l} the Council & house of Representatives for said State—

Humbly Sheweth, Aaron Copp of Salem in said state that your petitioner engaged in the service of the United states for three years, in Captn Stones Company in Col° Scammels Reg^{t} and being in Battle at Bemus's heights near Still water on the 7th of October 1777 received a wound in his arm which rendered him unfit for service, on account of which he received a furlow on the 23^{d} of Novr following, and after his Return home was at considerable expense with Surgeons, & for Board, as will appear by the accounts herewith exhibited, and after being healed of said wound Returned to the army—but being then unfit for duty was discharged from said Service on ye 21st of May 1779.

* * * * Aaron Copp.

Exeter Novr 5th 1779.

[He was enrolled on the half-pay list.—Ed.]

[R. 3–258]

[Emerson Corliss, of Salem, in a petition dated Dec. 16, 1794, stated that he was heir to Jonathan Corliss, who was with the army on the retreat from Canada, and sustained sundry losses for which he wanted pay.—Ed.]

[Rev. Pap. p. 55.] [*Salem Man in Col. Nathan Hale's 2d N. H. Battalion.*]

Solomon Cole, age 35, Capt. Robinson's Co.

[9–215] [*Petition for Incorporation of the Baptist Society: addressed to the General Court.*]

The peteiton of Richard Kimball Jeams Webster and others the subscribers inhabitance of the town of Salem County and State aforesaid and in its vicinity most humbly shew that thay with thare famielies and each of them have long since ben and still continue to be of that religos perswaison Called Baptists that thay have for many years paid and Suported at thare one Expence an orthodox Minister of that princable who wos installed over the church and congregation and officiated as Such utill he wos Called by the providance of God to leave this world and in order and for the incouragement of a nother pious and orthodox Minister to Setle among us as well to regulate our internal affairs as a Religos Society ought to be governed and for other pies and Lardable purpuses we and each of us most humbly suplycate your Honors that we and each of us may be incorprated into a Society in Salem aforesaid by the Name Stile and title of the Baptist christian Society to have and to hold all the Powers Rights priveliges as other incorprated churches and Congregations professing the christion Religion in the State aforesaid possessis and retains and as in Duty bound will ever pray

Rich[d] Kimball	Isaiah Wheeler	Samuel Marbel
James Webster	Nathaniel Woodman	Asa Corless
Philip Rowell	Richard Wheeler	John Saunders
Oliver Sanders	Richard Kimball J[r]	Luke Woodberry
Jacob Rowell	Jonathan Wheeler	Jonathan Patee
Abner Woodman	Lemuel Rowell	Jonathan Cross
Silas Wheeler	Nathaniel kelley	David Wheeler
Enoch Merrill	Joseph harries	Aaron Copp
Warren Wheeler	Ebenezer Woodbery	Oliver Dow Jur

Joseph Hull	John Woodbery	Edmund Chase
Amos Wheeler	John Page	Israel woodbery
Samuel Rowell	Dudley Bayley	
Rawlings Webster	Bena Rawlings	

[9–216] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

A Return of the Male Poles from 21 y^rs^ & upwards for the Town of Salem Footed 235

Dated Salem Dec^br^ 15 1783

Abbit Pettengill } Select men
William Thom } for Salem

[Sworn to before Timothy Ladd, justice of the peace. Ed.]

[9–221] [*Petition to have an Election set aside, 1783.*]

Humbly Sheweth the Subscribers inhabitance of the Town of Salem in said State that at their meeting for the electing a Representative the Present year they proceeded in their Said meeting without aney Regard to the oath of Said State appointed to be taken by a Law of said state by the Electors previous to their voting in aney Town meetings that aney & all persons voted in said Election as well those whoe had not taken Said oath as those who had & your petitioners are of opinion that many more vots ware thrown by those who had not taken Said oath than by those who had & therefore they are of opinion that Said meeting & election are altogether Contrary to law & null and void wharefore your petitioners pray that Said Election may be enquired into & if the same is found to be illegal that they may have another precept in order that they may be Represented in Said Court agreeable to the laws of Said State and your petitioners as in Duty bound may ever Pray &c

Dated Salem february 13 : 1783

Mathew Tayler	William Duty	Samuel Webster
Samuel kelley	Thad^s^ Butler	Timothy Swan
David Bursiel	Robt Young	John messer
Simeon Clement	Stephen Currier	Benja Woodbery
Thomas Dow	John Kelly	David messer
Abner Woodman	Will Somes Kelly	Elijah Hall
John Johnson	John Lowel	William woodbery
John Spafford	John Baily	John Lowel juner

Stephen Wheeler	Jonathan Bayley	Jonathan Hesseltine Jr
James Webster	Samuel Ayer	
Silus wheeler	William Ayer	william Clough ir
Dudley Bayley	Nath[ll] webster	Asa Pettengill
Jonathan Massey	william clough	Danil Hesseltine
Israel Woodbery	Wooster Emerson	Danil Hesseltine
Moody Morse	Nath[ll] merrill	Jonathan Pettengill
Evan Jones	John Bayley iuner	
Oliver Kimball	John merrill iu	

[9-217] [*Relative to an Election, 1783.*]

Sir The Subscribers Selectmen &c of Salem having been informed that they were So very unhappy when before the Honb[ll] house Yesterday, as not to State the facts & Communicate their Ideas Respecting the Number of Quallifid Voters that Gave their Suffrages for Cap[t] Allen in his late Election in a manner so intellegeble as to be properly Understood therefore beg leave Through Your Hon[r] to State To the Hon[ble] House the following Explanation Viz—that at the Said Election there was about Twenty Seven Jurors Or persons that had taken y[e] Oath of Allegeance that Gave there Suffrages for Said Allen—and there ware But About Seventeen Votes for Any Other Persons what Soever Except what were for Said Allen & Not more than one to the Best of our Knoledge of the Number last mentioned that had Taken the s[d] Oath—This explaination we adjudged was Our Dutey to Give to The Hon[bl] Court—& hope it will Not be Disagreable

we are with Sentiments of Esteem your Hon[s] Most Obed[t] Servants—

Exete[r] 27 Feb[r] 1783

Wm Thom Moderator
Abbit Pettengill } Selectmen
Tho[s] Runels }
Phinehas Gorden Town Clerk

Hon[o] Speaker of the Hon[bl] house of Representatives

[9-218] [*Relative to the Election of John Allen as Representative: addressed to H. of Rep., 1783.*]

The Subscribers freeholders & inhabetence of the Town of Salem in S[d] State having been Informd that a few Persons belonging to S[d] Salem have Exhibited to your Hon[rs] objactions a

gainst the Choice of Capt John Allen being Representative for S^{d} Town in the house of Represantives for S^{d} State alledging that S Choice was Illegall and that the Ellectors who voted in S^{d} Choice Not being Duly Quallified as by the Law of S^{d} State is Diracted Respacting which the Subscribers beg Leave to Suggest to your Hon^{rs} that most Part of those who have Joynd in the objactions are a mongst those who have Not here to fore Quallified them Selves to be voters by Taking the oath of Ellidgence and wee Reasonably Supose object to the Choice Meaning to Disturbe the harmoney that Subsist amongst us that the Inhabetence of S^{d} Town Proceeded in S^{d} Choice of Capt allen in all Respacts a Greable to what we under Stood to be the Law of S^{d} State and that if there was the Least vereation from Law in their proceeding Respacting it it oregenated Intirely from a want of Information and Not from the Least Inttimation of Casting Contempt on the Laws or othority of S^{d} State and there fore the Subscribers Humbly Request your Hon^{rs} Not to Set a Side S^{d} Choice of Capt allen and that he may Continue to Represente S^{d} Town in the Gen^{ll} assembly which will Not only prevent a vast Deal of Troble & Expence to S^{d} Town but will very much Oblige your Hon^{rs} most obedt Humble Serv^{ts}—

John Ellenwood
David Hall
Joseph Bowls
Reuben Bowls
William Smith
Elisha Woodbery
William Smith Jr
Daniel Silver
John Moreland
James Moorland
Lawrence Burkley
James mc glaughlon
thomas mc glaughlon
Solomon Smith
Francis Smith
Asa Corlles
Wyman Clough
Josiah Clough
Josiah Thissel
Richard thissel
John Hall

[Other petitions for the same purpose contained the following:—Ed.]

Richard Clement
John Clement
Rob^{r} Ellingwood
Richard Kelly
Israel ober
Samuel Johnson
Peter Duston
Asa Rowell
Joshua Bayley
Benj^{a} Bixby
Timothy Duston
Joshua Hall
James Hastinges Junior
James Hastinges
Richard Kiley Ju^{r}
John lankester
Simon Johnson
Joshua Baley Ju^{r}
Heman amy
George Amy
Alexander Gorden
Edward Patee
John mars Baley
Stephen Duston
Ebenezer Duston
wiliam Clement

Simon Bradford
William Bradford
Zech woodbery
Thomas Douglass
David Nevens
John Smith Juner
Philip Rowell
Nathan Asten
peter Asten

Luke Woodberry	Nathan Webster	Moses Asten
Samuel Cross	Henry Woodbery	oliver Kimball Ju^{r}
John Woodberry	Nath^{ll} Gorrell	Adam Cole
Robert Campbell	Nath^{ll} Woodbery	Ebnezer page
Hugh Campbell	Daniel Morrill	Jn^{a} Emerson
Stephen Rollins	John Bradford	Asa Dow
David Rollings	William Gordon	Henry Lankster
Joseph Leach	Robert Bradford	Nathaniel Dow
Dudley Merrill	Samuel Corlis^{s}	Jonathan Gorden
Enoch merrill	Ebenezer woodberry	John Smith
David Merrill	Daniel Massey	John merill
Joseph merrill	Jonath^{n} Tenny	
Dn^{ll} P. Merrill	Asa Tenny	

[9-223] [*Petition for Appointment of a Field Officer, 1784.*]

This petition of us Subscribers Humbly seueth,—

Being sensable of the new Establishment of an agreeable Mode of Government in this State, & that it is absolutely necessary that good & Wise Men be commisioned to carry into Execution the good & wholsom Laws that is or shall be made for the preserving of Saifty, liberty, & property, of the good Subjects of s^{d} State. It is expected by the people here that a new Settlement of this Rigement will take place soon & that it will fall to the lot of Salem to have one field Officer as there are two very fine Companies & pay Tax perhaps as large any Town in the Rigement

We Y^{r} Humble petitioners earnestly pray that Abraham Dow Esq ; may be the Man that is so Commisioned for a field Officer he being capable & sutable therefor We make no doubt will answer every intention Y^{r} Excellency & Honors could Wish for.

This Y^{r} patitioners are bound in Duty & shall ever pray—

Salem July 12th 1784—

Moody Morse	Nath^{ll} woodman
Daniel Gorden	Jeremiah Dow
James Webster	Samuel Kelly
Jonathan Massey	

[9-224] [*Baptist Society for Incorporation, 1797.*]

The petition of Richard Kimbal James Webster & others the subscribers inhabitants of the town of Salem County & state afors^{d} and in its Vicinity most humbly shew

That they with their families & each of them have long since been & still continue to be of that religious persuasion called Baptists that they have for many years paid and supported at their own expence an Orthodox minister of that principle who was installed over their Church & congregation, & officiated as such, until he was called by the providence of GOD to leave this world—And in order & for the encouragement of another pious & orthodox minister to settle among us, as well to regulate our internal affairs as a religious society ought to be governed, & for other pious & laudable purposses

We and each of us most humbly supplicate your honors, that we and each of us, may be incorporated into a seperate society in Salem afors[d] by the name stile & title of the Baptist Christian Society—

To have & to hold all the powers, rights, privelages, prerogatives, as other incorporated Churches & congregations professing the christian religion in the state afors[d] possesses & retains —And as in duty bound will ever pray—

James Webster	David Wheeler	Samuel Kelly
Richard Kimbal	Silas Wheeler	Ebenezer Woodbury
Abner Woodman	Samuel Marble	John Woodbury
Richard Wheeler	Moses Brown	Amos Wheeler
Jacob Rowell	Jon[a] Page	Nathaniel Kelly
Lemuel Rowell	Aron Copps	Luke Woodbury
Warren Wheeler	Richard Kimbal Ju	Barnard Kimbal
John Page	Dudly Bayley	Enoch Merrill
Nath[l] Woodman Ju[r]	Isaiah Wheeler	Benj[a] Rawlings
	Joseph Harris	Nath[l] Woodman
Philip Rowell	James Rowell	Stephen Wheeler
Rawling Webster	John Saunders	
Jon[a] Wheeler	Oliver Saunders	

[In H. of Rep., December 5, 1797, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill.—Ed.]

SALISBURY.

The township was originally granted by the government of the province of Massachusetts, under which it was called Bakers-town.

The settlement of the province boundaries in 1741 made the grant void, and the territory, proving to be within the bounds of the Masonian Proprietors' Purchase, was granted

by them to Col. Ebenezer Stevens, of Kingston, and others, October 25, 1749, and went by the name of Stevens-town, until it was incorporated by the governor and council of New Hampshire, March 1, 1768, and named Salisbury.

Among the first settlers were Ebenezer and John Webster, Edward Eastman, Nathaniel Meloon, and Philip Call, some of whom settled as early as 1750.

Col. Ebenezer Webster, who settled in this town in 1763, was born in Kingston in 1739. He was in the province service in 1757 to 1759, and at one time a member of "Roger's Rangers;" an officer in the militia, and in command of a company at the battle of Bennington in 1777; also in the Rhode Island expedition in 1778, and at West Point; a judge of the court of common pleas from 1791 to 1806; state senator in 1785, 1786, 1788, and 1790. He was the father of Ezekiel, an eminent lawyer, who was born in 1780, and of the renowned Daniel, who was born in 1782. He died in 1806, aged 67 years.

By an act passed December 24, 1828, some territory was severed from the east end of the town, combined with portions of Andover, Northfield, and Sanbornton, and erected into the town of Franklin.

By an act passed July 7, 1869, some territory was severed from the town of Franklin, and annexed to this town.

Salisbury men in First New Hampshire Regiment.

John Ash enlisted March 8, 1777; discharged December 31, 1781.

Annanias Bohonon enlisted March 13, 1781; discharged December 31, 1781.

Thomas Cross served 20 days; discharged 1780.

Levi Lufkin enlisted April 9, 1781; discharged December 31, 1781.

John Smith enlisted March, 1781; discharged December 31, 1781.

Samuel Saunders enlisted March, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

[9–225] [*Action of the Legislature relative to Guarding the Frontiers, 1754.*]

At a Special Convention of the members of the General assembly at Portsmouth on the twenty Second day of August

1754, in Pursuance of an order from his Excellency the Governor to the Sheriff of Said Province to Summon the members to meet as on file

Whereas his Excellency the Governor, by his message of the twenty first Instant, takes Notice of Sundry Hostilitys Committed upon Sundry of his majestys Subjects at a place called Stevens's Town, within this Province (by Indians Supposd to be of the Saint Francis Indians) and that the Inhabitants on the Frontiers are much exposed and so put in fear, That they Stand in need of Protection and Help—Therefore it is agreed upon by the members of the House of Representatives that there be the number of Sixty Men enlisted or Impressed and his Excellency is hereby desird to Give orders for the enlisting or Impressing that number for the Protection and Defence of the Frontiers not exceeding the Space of Two months and that the allowance for their Pay Subsistance and ammunition be the Same as at the latter end of the last Indian War and in order for a fund therefor, It is further agreed, That there be so much of the Bills of Credit of the Interest of the Twenty five Thousand Pounds Loan in the hands of the Treasurer borrowed as will be Sufficient for the Same; And that for the Replacing the Same in the Treasury it is further agreed, That there be a Tax layd on the Polls & Estates within this Province agreeable to the last Proportion, to be paid by the thirtyeth day of December 1755—and that there shall be a Tax Bill for that end as soon as the General assembly shall be in a Condition to act in a Legislative Capacity—

Meshech Weare Speaker

[The following memorandum is on the back of the original.—Ed.]

10 men of Chandlers Co—8 days
10 men Volunteers—16 days
30 men ordered to Stevins Town
20 do to Walpole &c
10 men Col° Gilmans Reg^t posted at Nottingham 14 d^s
10 d° at Epsom Col° Smiths Reg^t 14 d^s

[9-226] [*Captivity of Samuel Scribner, 1759.*]

The Petition of the Subscriber (who was an Inhabitant in that place Called Stevens's Town in the Province afores^d) Humbly Sheweth

That your Excellency & Hon^rs Petitioner (with one of his Neighbours) was getting their Hay in a Meadow in the year

1759 where they were Attack'd by a Company of Indians & taken prisoners & Carried off into a doleful Captivity: and after Some time your Petitioner was Sold to a French Gentleman (if he may be so Called) who was one of the most Haughty Tyrannical & Barbarous of the Romish Religion: Preferring his meanest Slaves to a New England Heretick: and your poor Petitioner remained under their Tyranny, until the time of redemption, Came for when the Honble Coll^{ll} Schyler was releasd & Sent home it was the Petitioners Lot to be releasd & Sent home with him; for which Mercyful deliverance your poor Petitioner Cannot be Enough thankful yet when Comeing Home out of his Miserable Captivity, with Scarcely Cloaths to his back & finding a wife with Six Small Children (one of which was born in the time of the Petitioners Captivity); moved down to Kingstown and there haveing been Supported much by Charity were borely on it; in regard of Cloathing and haveing little or no provision laid in renders the Case of your Petitioner yet very distressing: Wherefore your poor Petitioner Humbly moves for an Interest in the Compassions of your Excellency and Hon^{rs} praying that in your great goodness & mercy, you will be pleasd to Grant to your Petitioner something; as your Excellency & Hon^{rs} shall think meet in order to provide for & help Support your poor Petitioner & his distressed family: at least till the Revolveing season Shall Come wherein your Petitioner by the divine direction asistance & Blessing may in the Common Course of Nature & Providence provide for himself & family: and so your Petitioner Humbly leaves the State of himself & family: with your Excellency & Hon^{rs} praying your Serious Consideration thereof and Some Gift from this great & Gen^{ll} Court &c and to your Petitioner shall as in duty Bound ever pray &c—

Samuel his × mark Scribner

Kingstown february the 26th day 1759

[The petition was dismissed.—Ed.]

[9–226½] [*Relative to a division of Lots, 1773.*]

Kingston July 13th 1773.

at a Meeting of the Proprietors of Salisbury in the Province of New Hampshire

1^{rstly} Josiah Bartlett chosen Moderator—

7^{thly} Voted to make another division of Lots to each original right in said Town—

8thly Voted Mr Benjamin Huntoon Capt John Webster & Mr Sinkler Bean be a Committee to see the laying out said Division—

Extract from the Proprietors Records

Andrew Bowers P. C.

[R. 3–259] [Petition of Peter Bowen of New Salisbury, in the province of New Hampshire, states "That he Inlisted in the year 1755 into the Province Service as a private Soldier, under the Command of Major Robert Rogers." He was wounded, and asked for an allowance, which was granted to the extent of £15. See following.]

[R. 3–260] This may certify whom it may Concern that Peter Bowen of Salisbury was in the Provincial Service in the year 1755 under the command of Major Rogers who was then a Captain, and that the Gun of one Charles Mcauly a soldier discharged accidentally being Loaded with a Ball, which entered the Head of the said Peter near his right eye and blew the same out, I being personally present and see the same—

December 24th 1770—

John Stark, Lieut to said Company

The Bearer hereof Peter Bowen having been under the care of Doctr Carter my deceast Husband having had the misfortune of losing his eye sight by a shott of a Gun while in the province service: His account to the Doctr amounted to upwards £200 O: T:

Attested by Ruth Fowler

Boscawen Decemr 3d 1770.

[R. 3–261] [*A List of the Training Soldiers of the Town of Salisbury, drawn May 27, 1776.*]

Serjeant Jacob Cochrin	Stephen Webster	Jonathan Fifield
Serjeant William Newton	Philip flanders	Abraham Fifield
Serjeant Ananiah Bohonon	Ephraim Colby	Joseph Fifield
Serjeant Phineas Been	David Hall	Abel Elkins
Richard Purmit	Jeremiah Webster	Jonathan Cram
Cutting Stevens	Shubael Greeley	Moses Woodman
David Pettingill	Job Heath	Jacob Garland
Nathl Marston	Ephraim Heath	Edward Fifield
	Benjn Howard	Reuben Hoit
	William Eastman	William Searle
	Reuben Greeley	Jacob Bohonon
	Jeremiah Eastman	William Webster

Ezekiel Lunt
Stephen Cross
Benjn Basford
Reuben Kezar
Jacob True
Daniel Felch
John Brown
Edward Eastman
Daniel Lowell
John Sanborn
Benjn Eastman
Eben^{r} Clifford
George Bayley
William Bayley
James Johnson
Daniel Urin
Benjn Greely Ju^{r}
John Chalis
Moses Sawyer
Leonard Judkins
Philip Lufkin
Joseph Meloon
Eben^{r} Tucker
Jacob Tucker
Jonathan Forster
Benaiah Been
Edward Scribner
Benjn Scribner
Iddo Scribner
Obadiah Peters Fifield
John Been
John Jemson
Abel Tandey
John Fifield
Joseph French
Moses Elkins
John Collins Gale
Nathl Huntoon
Daniel Huntoon
Moses Silley
Gideon Dow
John Rowe
Philip Mitchel
Matthew Greeley

Alarm List.

Revd Mr Jonath Searle
Elder Sinkler Been
" Benjn Huntoon
Dea^{n} John Collins
Capt John Webster
" Matthew Pettingill
Esq Joseph Bean
Dr Joseph Bartlett
Ens. Andrew Bohonon
Ens. John Webster
" Moses Garland
" Stephen Call
Benjn Sanborn
Nathan Webster
Robert Barber
John Fellows
Nehemiah Heath
Ben^{n} Greeley
Joseph Marston
Nathl Meloon
Nathl Meloon Junr
Ezra Tucker
Hezekiah Forster
Edward Scribner
Andrew Bohonon
Nathan Colby

The Following Soldiers are now in the Public Service—

Joseph Basford
John Bayley
Philip Huntoon
Saml Loverein
Reuben Hoit Junr
Jonath Huntoon
Eben^{r} Scribner
Joseph Loverein
Simeon Sanborn
Rowel Colby
James Basford
Israel Webster
Wells Burbank

The with in is A list of the Company under my Command

Test Ebenezer Webster Capt

[9–227] [*Dr. Joseph Bartlett chosen Justice of the Peace.*]

At a Legal meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Salisbury holden at the Meeting House in s^{d} town on the 24th of May Last in the afternoon of s^{d} Day, Dr Joseph Bartlett was Legally Chosen for a Justice of the peace

in the town of Salisbury, if the Honble General Court see fit to Commission him.

Jonat^n^ Cram T : Clerk—

Salisby June ye 14th 1779.

[Dr. Bartlett was the first man in town who received a commission as justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[R. 3–262] [*Captain Webster's Return, 1777.*]

Sir I have sent two men acordin to order Jacob Tucker and Nathl Huntoon by Name the said Tucker wants a fire arme but it is Not in my Power to gite one for him I Hope he will make out to git one

With Due Regards

I am sir your Humbel Servt

Eben^r^ Webster

Salisbury may 22 1777

To Col^l^ Thomas Stickney

[R. 3–264] [*Return of Men for Abatement of Poll-Tax.*]

To the Receiver General in & for the Colony of New Hampshir—

Sir this Certify to you that those persons whose names are hereafter mentioned served in the American army last Summer and are engaged for the Coming year in the same Service

Simeon Sanborn Colony Rate is	0–1–9–3
Jonathan Huntoon	0–1–9–3
John Kanade	0–1–9–3
Joseph Loverin	0–1–9–3
Single men all	£0–7–3–0

Attest John Collins, Leonard Judkins } Selectmen for Salisbury

[The following named men were returned to Col. Stickney, in November, 1781, to answer a call for three months' service: "Moses Fellows, Matthew Greele, Benja Sanborn, Elisha Shephard." (Rev. Pap., p. 75.)—Ed.]

[*Soldiers' Enlistment, 1781.*]

We the subscribers whose name are Hear unto set do volintarily in List our selves in to the Sarvis of the State of New Hampshire for the term of three months from the time we Joyn the armey unless sooner discharged and Promis obedience to our offisers and to observe the Rules of the armey

Witness our Hands

Moses Fellows — Matthew Greele
Benjamen Sanborn — Elisha Shephard

Salisbury Sep^{t} 12, 1781

[R. 3–266] [*Depositions relative to John Ash, 1782.*]

The Deposition of Saml Scribner of Salisbury of Lawful age who Testifyeth and says that John Ash living with him when s^{d} Deponent lived in Andover and when s^{d} Deponent moved into Salisbury which was about the middle of October 1775 he the said John Ash moved with him and lived with him the s^{d} Deponent in Salisbury till about the middle of March 1776 and further Saith Not

Samuel Scribner

The Deposition of John Collins Gale of Salisbury of Lawful age who Testifyeth and Says that John Ash came to live with him the s^{d} Deponent in Salisbury about the 6th of April 1776 & lived with him the s^{d} Deponent until about the last of August following, and then Enlisted himself as a Soldier to go to Cohos for a short time, and then Returned to me again and made my House his Home untill about a fortn^{t} before he Inlisted into the Continental army which was some time in March 1777 and when s^{d} Ash left s^{d} Deponents House s^{d} Ash went Immediately to Capt John Websters in Salisbury; and further saith not

John Collins Gale

[Sworn to before Joseph Bartlett, June 19, 1782.—Ed.]

[R. 3–267] [*Account for Bounties.*]

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough County

To the Hon^{bl} President of the Committee of Safety for said State—

Be pleased to pay unto Elder Benjn Huntoon the bearer hereof, the wages due from the State to the Town of Salisbury on Accompt of the hire paid by said Town to the following persons, which inlisted into the Continental Army in April 1777 for three

Years (for which each one Rec^{d} Seventy Dollars) Viz Ephraim Heath, Moses Fellows, John Ash, Philip Flanders, Reuben Hoyt, Reuben Greeley, William Bayley, Philip Lufkins Benjamin Howard, Daniel Felch, Matthew Greeley, and Joshua Snow; and in August 10th 1779 paid to George Nichols as a Bounty for his inlisting into the Continental Army during the War, Five Hundred Dollars of the then Current money—also the Travel Money of four Melitia raised in 1781 to Springfield, and the Travel Money of one Melitia to Coos this Summer Past—and likewise such Securities as is Customary (if any is) for what Bounties was Voted by the Honb^{l} General Court to Towns that hired Continental Soldiers for three Years in 1781 it being seven that Salisbury hired; and you will Oblige your Most Obedient and very Humble Servants—

Salisbury Novemb^{r} 25th 1782

John Collins, Joseph Bartlett, Phinehas Bean } Selectmen of Salisbury

N B Reuben Hoyt was paid by the Town Eighty-Five Dollars as by the Recep^{ts} may Appear

Exeter Novr 29th 1782

Received an Order on the Treas^{r} to pay by Discount One Hundred and twenty one pounds fourteen shillings and ten pence Bounties advanced by Salisbury

Benjn Huntoon

[9–230] [*Petition for Authority to erect a Toll-Bridge: addressed to the General Court, 1793.*]

Humbly shew the Subscribers that a bridge across merimac river between the towns of Northfield and Salisbury near Cross' ferry (so called) would be of great public utillity—Wherefore your petitioners pray that the exclusive previlege of building a bridge across said river anywhere within three miles distance of said Cross' ferry may be granted them and such as may be associated with them and their hiers and Assigns, and of receiving a toll for their indemnification—And that they may be formed into a body politic and corporate for that purpose and have leave to bring in a bill accordingly and as in duty bound will ever pray &c—

Concord June 13 1793—

Charles Glidden
Jonathan Eastman
Peaslee Badger
Eben^{r} Eastman

Jere^{h} Clough	Thos Gilman
Obediah Clough	David McCrilles
Chandler Lovejoy	thomas Cross

[The legislature granted the petitioners an act of incorporation dated Jan. 11, 1794.—Ed.]

[9–231] [*Report of a Committee relative to a Bridge, 1794.*]

The Subscribers being Chosen by Henry Gerrish Esqr and Capt Jonathan Eastman to say what Compensation the said Gerrish shall receiv^{d} from Charles Glidden and others for giving unto them the privilage of building a bridge over Merrimack River between Northfield and Salisbury near Crosses ferry within the limits of the said Henrys Grant of a ferry—Report that the said Charles Glidden and others proprietors of the proposed Bridge provide in the most Convenient place and make a Road Sufficient for teams to pass from said Bridge to the said Henrys farm in Northfield and that they also Grant to the said Henry his heirs and assigns living in the house now ocupied by him and those in his and their immediate employ a right of passing and repassing said Bridge with horses Cattle and teams so long as the said Charles and others their heirs or assigns are proprietors of said Bridge and if the said Charles and others do not Comply with the above (that the publick may not Suffer for want of a bridge there) we are of opinion that the said Henry should oblige himself to build a Bridge there as Soon as may be—

Exeter January 4th 1794

A Copy

[9–231] [*Petition for an Incorporation of Salisbury Academy: addressed to the General Court, 1794.*]

The Petition of the undersigned persons Humbly Shews,

That we have long experienced the want of an Institution in this vicinity where youth may be instructed in the higher branches of learning; & be prepared to transact the common business of life with advantage, or to finish their educations at a university We feel a deep conviction of the importance and utility of a general diffusion of literature and good morals. To facilitate the means of education is we are persuaded the most effectual means of accomplishing this desirable object. The dearest interests of our country are fast developing upon the

rising generation—they will soon become citizens—and invested with all the relations of life. We regard them with a paternal anxiety, and ardently wish that they may enter upon the theatre of life with such qualifications as will do honor not only to republicans but to human nature. We consider knowledge as the palladium of liberty. We consider good morals as the foundation of happiness public and private. With such sentiments we have associated for the purpose of erecting & supporting an Academy by the name of the Salisbury Academy where youth may be initiated in the arts & sciences—acquire habits of morality and piety—and an invincible attachment to the principles of civil & religious liberty. The design of our association has received the approbation of a majority of our fellow-townsmen, & we now respectfully solicit the patronage of the Legislators of New Hampshire. Your Honors must be sensible that the business of such an Institution cannot be well managed without a board of Trustees. We therefore pray your Honors for liberty to bring in a bill to constitute Honble Timothy Walker & Abiel Foster Esquires, Rev. Jon^{a} Searle, Rev. Elias Smith & Luke Wilder a corporation by the name of the Trustees of Salisbury Academy, & to invest the afore named gentlemen, & their successors with all the necessary powers of a body corporate to carry into execution the design aforesaid of your Petitioners—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Jonathan Searle,	Nathaniel Ash,	Joseph Adams
Moses Garland,	Benjamin Pettengall	Joseph Fifield
Abel Elkins,	Junr	Benjamin Pettingall
Luke Wilder,	Stephen George,	Eliphalet Williams
Andrew Bowers,	Reuben True,	Edward West
Jonathan Fifield,	James Currier,	Jacob Bohonan Junr
Elias Smith,	William Eastman,	Leonard Judkins
Caleb Judkins,	Jon^{a} C. Pettingall,	Junr
Leonard Judkins,	Benjn Whittemore,	Levi George
John Sweatt,	Anniah Bohonan,	Andrew Bohonan
Ephraim Colby,	Samuel Loverin,	Caleb Cushing
Jacob Garland,	Samuel Greenleaf,	Abraham Sanborn
Moses Morse,	Stephen Webster,	
Israel Webster,	Joseph Severens,	

Salisbury Dec. 20th 1794—

[Salisbury Academy was incorporated in 1795.—Ed.]

[9-233] [*Petition for Incorporation of a Toll-Bridge: addressed to the General Court, 1800.*]

The petition of the Subscribers humbly shews that a Bridge over Pemissawasset Branch at Webster's falls, so called, between the Towns of Salisbury and Sandbornton would be of great public utility and accommodate travellers and others much to their advantage: Your petitioners therefore pray that they may have the exclusive Right of building and maintaining a toll Bridge over said River at the most convenient place over the same within one mile of said falls either above or below; and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.—

Ebenr Webster	Thomas Clough Jur	Elijah Sargent
Ebenr Eastman	Ellison Fowler	William Smith
Joseph Clark	Ebenr Clark	
Samuel T. Gilmon	Jonathan Ayers	

[The foregoing petitioners were granted an act of incorporation the same year, and the bridge named Republican Bridge.—Ed.]

SANBORNTON.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors, Dec. 31, 1748, to John Sanborn, of Hampton, and others. The grantees were residents of Hampton, Exeter, and Stratham, twelve of whom were named Sanborn: hence the name of the town. Settlements were retarded by reason of trouble with the Indians, and none were permanently made until 1764. In 1768 there were thirty-two families in town. At a meeting held Jan. 8, 1770, a committee was appointed to petition for an incorporation. This committee petitioned on the first day of March following, and the town was incorporated by the governor and council the same day. The town did its full share in the Revolutionary war, and in the war for the suppression of the slave-owners' rebellion.

Sanbornton Academy was incorporated Dec. 20, 1820, and with others established subsequently, contributed largely to the prosperity of the town, and to the high standing of its inhabitants. By an act approved June 30, 1869, the south part of the town, formerly known as Sanbornton Bridge, was incorporated into the present town of Tilton.

July 1, 1870, some territory was severed from Tilton and annexed to Sanbornton; and by act of July 3, 1872, a small tract was severed from the latter and annexed to the former.

Sanbornton men in Capt. Benj. Ellis's Company, Scammell's Regiment, 1781, Nathan Hoit, Fifer, and Jacob Gile.

[10–1] [*Justice of the Peace wanted, 1770.*]

Sandbornton Decr 1770 to Capt Joseph Hoit of Stratham Si^{r} we whose names are underwritten desire that you would Sine our names to a Petition to ye Governor for a Commission of the Peace for Danl Sanborn of this town

Samuel Shepard	Nath^{ll} Tilton	Samuel Smith
Charles Thomas	Israel Tilton	John folsom
Nathaniel burley	William Hayes	Isaac Colby
william tomson	William Hayes Junr	Jonathan Smith
Moses Danford	William Durgan	

[10–2] [*Petition in favor of David Sanborn, 1770.*]

The Humble Petition of the inhabitants of Sandbornton

We your Excellencys humble Petitioners Labouring under the Disadvantage of Living at a Great Distance from a Magistrate & Consequently are at a Grate Expence in Gitting our Business Done & Depending on your Excellencys Protection in our Civil as well as Relegious Priviledges would Pray your Excellency to Grant a Commission of the Peace to Daniel Samborn of this Town

your Excellencys favourable notice of our Circumstances & Granting our Request will we humbly Concive be of Grate Service to this Town in Saving Much time & Expence in Gitting our Necessary Business Done & in Preserving Peace & unity amongst us & So of Consequence for ye Publick Good

we Remain your Excellencys Loyal Humble Petitioners

March ye 29th 1770

John Samborn	Philip Hunt	Benjamin Hoit
Ebenezer Morrison	Androw Roin	Samuel Shepard
thomas Lyford	Daniel fifield	Charles Thomas
Jacob Smith	Aaron Samborn	Nathanel burly
Satchel Clark	Edward kelley	William Thompson
Benjamin Darlin	Josiah Canfield	Moses Danford

thos Gilmon	David Dusten Jur	Nathanel Tilton
Nichelos Clark	Jonathan Smith	Israel Tilton
Josiah Samborn	William kinston	Wiliam Hayes
Chase taylor	Joseph Carr	Wiliam Hayes Junr
Thomas Sinclear	Jacob Smith iun	Wiliam Durgon
Abijah Samborn	Joseph Smith	Samuel Smith
Enock Eley	Jonathan Lang	John Folsom
Jonathan Thomas	James Cate	Isaac Colby
John Gibson	John Gale	Jonathan Smith
Solomon Cops	Benn Sanborn	
Thomas Critchet	Cole Weeks	

[R. 3-297] [*Petition of Capt. Chase Taylor: addressed to the Assembly, 1778.*]

The humble Petition of Chase Taylor of Sanborn Town in the County of Strafford Esqr

Sheweth That on the 16th day of August last past, Your Petr was Capt. of a Company in Col. Stickneys Regiment at the Engagement at Bennington.

That by a Musket Ball from the Enemy, he had his Thigh-bone fractured, and remained utterly disabled from following any Business from that time till about the Beginning of May last, and his pay had ceased in the Septr next before.

That in the said Fight he lost a very good Gun of the Value of 20 Dollars (upon a moderate Computation) and his Cartouch Box.

Your Petr therefore prays Your Honours to take the premises into Your Consideration That he may be recompenced for his Loss of time and Expences occasioned by his said Misfortune, and also on Account of the Loss of the said Gun &c

And Your Petr will ever pray &c

Chase Taylor

[He was allowed £16,4s, and half pay.—Ed.]

[R. 3-269] [*Petition of Thomas Lyford, Soldier: addressed to the General Court, 1780.*]

The Humble Petition of Thomas Lyford Late of Sandbornton Sheweth that your memorelest Engaged in the Continental Service as a Lieut in major whitcombs Corps of Rangers october the 14th 1776 at ticonderoge in which Service your memo-

relest has Ever Since been Imployed and has Receive only the Sum twenty Six dollars and two thirds of a dollar pr month wages and ten Dollars pr month as Ration money therfore your memorelest prays that his Case may be taken into your wise Consideration and he be put on equal footing with other Continental officers of this State of his Ranke or grant such other Present Releaf for the Surporting him Selfe and famerly as you Shall Se fit and as in Duty Bound Doth pray &c Sandbornton february ye 1st 1780—

N: B money that Shall be granted me Should be glad that the same may be Drawn by Ebenezer Smith Esqr to Convey to my famerly as I am about to Return to the army to my Duty—

Thomas Lyford

[R. 3-268] [*Soldiers' Order, 1792.*]

Samborntown August 29th 1792

To the Treasurer of the State of Newhampshire

Sir Pleas to Pay to John Nicholls or his order What ever is Due to my late Son Samuel Magoon he haveing Been a Soldier in the —— New Hampshire Regiment I being the ——ted father and Sole heir of Said Deceased it Being for Vallue Received Witness my Hand

Samuel his × mark Magoon

Attest H. B. Eastham
Daniel Kelley

[10-3] [*Solomon Copps, for a Ferry, 1781.*]

The Petition of us the subscribers select men and Inhabitants of the Town of Gilmantown in said County Humby shews—

That Solomon Copps of sandborntown has for several Years Last past kept a ferry over Winipisseoke River at a place Called mohawk point and a Good Boat to accommodate Passengers passing and Repassing from Gilmantown to sandborntown to the satisfaction of People passing that Road and we are of opinion that it is Necessary that a ferry should be Established in that place we therefore pray that the said Copps may have a Grant of the same by an act of the General Court so Long as he his Heirs or assigns shall provide and Keep Good Boat or

Boats for transporting passengers and Give Good attendance and we as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Dated at Gilmanton afores[d] march y[e] 2[d] A : D : 1781

Joseph Badger, Samuel Greeley, Edward Gilman J[r] } Select men of Gilmantown

Joseph Huckins Juner	Joseph Shepard	Noah Dow
	thomas Flanders	Joshua Gilman
Jeremiah Richardson	Jeremy Cogswell	Paul Bickford
Moses Adams	William Silley	Benjamin dow
Joseph Badger Ju[r]	Joseph Parsons	Lemuel Rand
John Judkins	Antipas Gilman	Nath[l] Wilson
Jabez James	Jonathan Dow	Jacob Daniels
Ebenezer Paige	Peter Gilman	Charles Rundlet
W[m] Smith	Simeon Copp	

[The petition was granted.—Ed]

[10–4] [*Solomon Copps for a Ferry, 1781.*]

Sandbornton Feburary y[e] 27th 1781—

The Humble Petition of y[e] Subscribers Inhabitants of Sd Town to y[e] President, Council, & House of Representatives of this State, whereas M[r] Solomon Copp of this Town hath in time Past been at great Expence in Providing & Keeping in Repair a Boat for y[e] accommodation of People in Crossing y[e] ferry at y[e] narrows at mohawk Point So Call[d], with but Little Profit we think it Reasonable & therefore Pray that he may have y[e] Priviledge of Sd ferry given & Confirm[d] to him by act of Court there being a Road Laid out which takes in y[e] Landing at Sd ferry—

which your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Ebenezer Morroson, Aaron Sanborn, Samuel Lane } Select men of Sandbornton

Dan[l] Sanborn	James Cate jun[r]	Benjamin Hoit
Nath[ll] Tilton	Stephen Gale	Benjamin Colby
Jacob Smith	Daniel Fifield	Josiah miles
Jeremiah tilton	Josiah Samborn	John Sanders
John Clark	Saml Morrison	Jonathan Sanborn
Jeremiah Sanborn	John thorn	Jonathan Chase
Jacob Garland	John Robnson	William Robinson
Ebenezer Gove	James Cate	William Durgain

Jonathan Thomas
thomas Chrichet
William Gilman
Chase Taylor
John Samborn
James Gbson
Abijah Sanborn
Jonathan Judkins
Ichabod Swain
robart Smart
Jonathan morison
Nathaniel witcher
David Blanchard
Nathaniel Burley
William burley
Hugh March
Nicolas Clark
William Chase
Jonathan Morrison
Cole Weeks
Joseph Hoit
Jon^{a} Taylor
Josiah Sanborn Jur
John Johnson
N— Taylor
John Lane
Jacob Smith junr
Jonathan Chase
James Sinclear
James Lary
Nathaniel Burbank
Daniel tilton
Benjam P. Canfield
William Prescut
Jacob Garland
Jacob Smith
Ezekiel Gilman
Joseph Clark
Elisha Prescut
Joseph Smith
Thomas Cawley
Saml morrison
David morrison
Aaron Ellsworth
Edward Kelley Junr
Edward Kelley
Theo Rundlet
Jonathan Judkins
Josiah Sanborn Junr
Ebenezer Gove

[10-8] [*Petition in favor of Daniel Sanborn, 1784.*]

Sanbornton April 20th 1784—

The Humble Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of sd Town to ye President & Counsil of sd State—

whereas the new Constitution is Soon to take Place and Daniel Sanborn Esqr hath Serv^{d} us as a Justice of ye Peace in this Town for many years Past to our Satisfaction we Pray that he may be Continued or appointed to Serve us in sd office in Preferences to any other man in sd Town

Samuel Brown
Willm Weeks
Maj^{r} Joseph Prescott
John Gale
Benjn Robinson
Jon^{a} Chase
Willm Robinson
Willm Durgin J^{r}
Jacob Garland
Lev^{t} Jacob Smith
Ezekiel Gilmon
Lev^{t} Joseph Clark
Ens^{n} Elisha Prescott
Joseph Smith
Thomas Calley
Saml Morrison
David Morrison
Benaiah Sanborn
Ens^{n} Nathl Chandler
Danl Davison
Ens^{n} Nathl Grant
Levi Robinson
Josiah Shaw
Lev^{t} Benjamin Morgin
Joseph Gilmon
Joseph Grant
Elisha Smith
John Johnson
John Bryer
Danl Sanborn J^{r}
Elisha Cate
Moses Danforth
Samuel Prescott
Chase weeks
David Chapman
Nathan Blake
Josiah Cally
Joseph Wadleigh
James Wadleigh
Capt Willm Tomson
Solomon Copp
Willm Miles
Nathan^{l} Chany
Danl Gale
James Fulonton
Willm Hersey
Stephens Burley
Joseph Burley
Dudly Smart

Aaron Elsworth
Ichabod Swain
Moses Randel
Stephen Clark
Andrew Roien
John Clark
Abijah Sanborn
Danl Fifeld
Edmond Chapman
Jon^{a} Been
Willm Hayes
Francis Durgin
Jon^{a} Thompson
Simeon Cate
Jon^{a} Cate
Nathl Burbank
Thomas Copp
Thomas Shute
Jon^{a} Chase Junr
Thomas Chritchet
Jon^{a} Taylor
Josiah Hersey
James Cate Junr
Eliphelit Brown
Moses Gilmon
Elisha Chapman
Jon^{a} Hobbs Sanborn
Saml Hunt
Jeremiah Gibson
Simeon Hains
Jacob Bamford
Solomon Copp J^{r}
Josiah Miles
Benjn Perl Canfield
Reuben Smith
Stephen Fogg
Noah Smith
John Roberson
Jonathan Smith
Daniel Tilton
Jonathan Cally
Capt Willm Harper
Maj^{r} Willm Prescott
John Chapman
Cole weeks
Joseph Prescott J^{r}
Willm Burley
Peter Hersey
Moses March
Moses Thompson
Mathew Thompson
James osgood
Jacob Thompson
James Cate
Bradbury Johnson
Benjamin Roberson J^{r}
Nathl Burley
Joseph Burley Junr
Jacob Thomas
Edward Kelly Junr
Edward Kelly
Theoph^{s} Rundlet
Jon^{a} Judkins
Josiah Sanborn J^{r}
Lev^{t} Eben^{r} Gove
James Gibson

Signed in 1785 that did not in 1784.

Nicholas Giles
James Sanborn
Reuben Rallns
John Sanborn 3^{d}
Dudley Cram
Nathan Smith
John Cartey Gale
James Fullonton J^{r}
Saml Fifeld
James Sincler
Benj^{a} Smith
Nathl Caverly
Tme^{y} Smith

and 20 that would Sine no Petition but wase willing for the within

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[10–9] [*Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

N^{o} of Poles 21 years & upward

Sanbornton	about 180
Meredith	85
Newhampton	75

1783 Decr E— Smith

[10–11] [*More Justices wanted, 1785.*]

Sandbornton Feby ye 21st 1785

we the Subscribers Recommend Mr John Sanborn & Mr John Lane for Justices of ye Peace of this Town

Chaise Taylor	S Clark	William Taylor
Ebenezer Morroson	Nathan Taylor	William Huse
Abra^{m} Perkins	Nich Clark	John Morrison
Josiah Sanborn	Josiah Emery	Simeon Robinson
John thorn	Thomas Lyford	Jeremiah Sanborn
Benjamin Sanborn	Thomas Critchet	
Saml Lane	Ebn^{r} Samborn	

[10–12] [*Petition for a Paper Currency, 1785.*]

Sanbornton Octr 24th 1785—

The Petition of us ye Subscribers Inhabitants of sd Town, Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners with others ye Inhabitants of this State, Labour under great inconveanency for want of a Currancy or medium of trade Sufficient to transact ye Common busness between man & man & notwithStanding your Petitioners & we Concive that others in General are Desireous to Discharge all our Debts with ye Strictest Honour, the Payment of which, as also ye Common trading one with another, is Rendered next to Impossable, by Reason of ye Scarcety of money, —and People of all Ranks, & Conditions, are Sue^{d} & meney Put into Prison all of which tends to Impoverish Individuals, & Consequently ye State in General;—we therefore Pray that your Honours would as Soon as Possable make a Sum or Bank of Paper money Sufficient to answer all Debts or Demands in this State or for a medium of trade, & that Sd Paper money, may be made a tender in all Cases—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray.

will^{m} Chase
James Hersey } Select men
Nat^{l} Grant

Danl Sanborn	Ichabod Swain	Noah Smith
Josiah Miles	Solomon Copp	Edward Kelley
Jon^{a} Hobbs Sanborn	Thos Critchet	Joseph Prescott
	Elisha Prescott	Danl Gale
Joseph Smith Junr	Nathl Chaney	David Chapman
James Sanborn	Cole weeks	Jotham Rallins
Abijah Sanborn	Chase weeks	Josiah Shaw
Jon^{a} Chase Junr	will^{m} weeks	will^{m} Tomson
John Chapman	Daniel Sanborn J^{r}	Saml Prescott Junr

James Cate	Lovel Lang	Peter Hersey
will[m] Prescott	will[m] Prescott Jun[r]	Dan[l] Fifeld
Reuben Smith	Humphery Hunt	Eben[r] Colby
Moses Rendal	Jon[a] Been	Trueworthy Smith
Dan[l] Davison	Jon[a] Smith	Benaiah Sanborn
Sam[l] Prescott	Dan[l] Tilton	John Sanborn 3[d]
James Gibson	Jon[a] Thomas	James Cate Jun[r]

[10–10]

Sanbornton Oct[r] 24th 1785

I have no Doubt But if y[e] Petition for Paper money from this Town was Carry[d] to all y[e] men in it there would be one hundred & fifty Signers for y[e] Same— Dan[l] Sanborn

[For legislative action on the matter, see Atkinson papers, Vol. XI.—Ed.]

[10–15] [*Petition for a Change of Day of Annual Meeting: addressed to the General Court, 1794.*]

This petition Humbly Sheweth—

that by the Charter of Sanbornton the Inhabitants are to hold their Meeting for the Choice of Town officers on the last Tuesday of March annually to the ill-conveniance of the freeholders & whereas it is commonly bad traviling at that time So that many of the Inhabitants Cannot attend Said Meeting and thereby are excluded from giving their Votes for State and town officers, and whereas it Sometimes happens that the Inhabitants Cannot finish their Businees in one day but are under the nesessity of adjourning to Some future day which must ofen be in the Month of April, and thereby the Selectmen Cannot take the Inventory in Season to the damage of Said town,—Therefore at a Leagal meeting Unanimously Voted that the Select-men Shall Prefer a petition to the Honnourable General Court Praying that their Anual Meeting might be Earlyer in Said month, Wherefore we the Subscribers beg leave to Present this petition Praying your Honnors that the Said Meeting now held on the Last tuesday of March as by Said Charter, might in future be held on the Second Tuesday of Said month and we your Humble Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Josiah Emery
Moses Tomson
W[m] Chase
} Select-men in behalf of the Inhabitants of Sanbornton

[This petition was granted.—Ed.]

[10–16] [*Tilton Bennett, for a Ferry over Pemigewasset River, 1798.*]

To the honourable the General Court of the state of New Hampshire to convene at Concord on the third Wednesday of November instant—Humbly shew

Your Petitioners, inhabitants of the town of Sanbornton that Tilton Bennet of said town has attended a ferry over Pemigewasset River between Sanbornton and New-Chester for four years last past and has been at great expence to provide and keep in repair suitable boats for said ferry, wherefore your petitioners humbly pray your honors would grant said ferry to him, and as in duty bound will ever pray—

November 2^{d} 1798—

Jonathan Thomson	Jonathan Weeks	Josiah Shaw ir
Moses Tomson	Nathan Blake	Joseph Chapman
Wm Hayes	Nath^{ll} Ladd	James Chapman
John Clark	John Adams Harper	Daniel Johnson
Lowell Lang	Wm Taylor	Ezekiel Brown
Wm Weeks	John Sandborn	David Robinson
Nathaniel Piper	Nathan Smith	Moses Colby
Chase Weeks	Moses Leavitt	Jotham Rawlings
Charles thomas	Josiah Sanborn 7th	Henry Blake
Cole Weeks J^{r}	Jacob Tilton	Ebenezer Swain
Benjamin Rollins	Lyford Dow	Josiah Heath
Edmund Chapman Jr	Stephen Prescott	Moses Page
	Nathaniel Caverey	Tilton Bennet J^{r}
David Perley 3	Joseph Gale	Anthony Colby
John Shaw	Joshua Bangs	
Thomas Morison	Joseph Conner	

[A grant of a ferry was made to said Bennett the same session.—Ed.]

[10–18]

Humbly shews

Tilton Bennet of Sanbornton that he has attended a ferry over Pemigewasset River between Sanbornton and New Chester for four years last past, and has been at great expence to provide suitable Boats for said ferry—wherefore your petitioner humbly prays your honors would grant said ferry to him, and as in duty bound will ever pray—

November 2^{d} 1798 Tilton Bennet

[10–17] [*Petition for Incorporation of a Library: addressed to the General Court, 1797.*]

The Petition of the subscriber in behalf of the proprietors of the Social Library society in Sanborntown Humbly sheweth

That said society have been at considerable Expence in purchasing a Collection of Books for the purpose of defusing useful knowledge amongst them, but find themselves under many disadvantages for want of being Incorporated—They therefore pray your Honors to pass an Act Incorporating them into a body politick for the purpose of regularly ordering said society under such rules and regulations as to your Honors may appear Just & reasonable and Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

William Harper

[This petition was granted, and the library incorporated the same year.—Ed.]

[10–19] [*Petition for the Incorporation of Sanbornton Musical Society: addressed to the General Court, 1799.*]

Humbly shew,

The Subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Sandbornton, that they have formed themselves into a society for the promotion of vocal and instrumental musick; and that they have been at considerable expence to procure books, instruments, and able instructors, to teach the arts of singing and performing on instruments.—Your petitioners therefore humbly pray, that they, together with their associates, and all such as may hereafter become members of the said society, may be incorporated into a body politic, by the name of "Sandbornton Musical Society," and that they may be vested with all the powers and privileges incident to corporations of a similar nature:—

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Joseph Woodman
Samuel Lane
Nathan Taylor
Samuel Gerrish
Joshua Lane
Jeremiah Tilton
Andrew Lovejoy
Jeremiah Sanborn Junr
Stephen Goodhue

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 25, 1799, leave was granted to bring in a bill.—Ed.]

[10-20] [*Petition for the Incorporation of the Baptist Association: addressed to the General Court, June, 1802.*]

We the Subscribers, inhabitants of the Town of Sanborntown, Humbly Shew—That we have formed ourselves into a Society for the purpose of worshiping God agreeably to the dictates of our own consciences; that we have been at considerable expence to erect a decent House for public worship; and for the support of the Gospel among us; and that we labour under many disadvantages by not being incorporated, and being denied the privileges of incorporated parishes—Wherefore we humbly pray, that an act of incorporation may be granted unto us, and such others as may hereafter associate with us, by the name of the Sanbornton Baptist association, and that such rights, privileges and immunities may be granted and secured unto us, our associates and successors, as others in similar cases have heretofore received: And we as in duty bound will ever pray—

Sanbornton March 31st 1802

David Burley Junr
Peter Hersey
Samuel Hersey
Thomas Colman
Jonathan Taylor Junr
Coffin Sanborn Junr
John Prescott
Daniel Gove
Joseph H Sanborn
Levi Sanborn
Benja Robinson
James Robinson
Benja Robinson Jr
Josiah Hersey
Samuel Hunt
Coffin Sanborn
Abner Sanborn
Jona Chase
Mark Chase
Winthrop Durgin
Taylor Clark
Elijah Durgin
Thomas Copp
Dudley Cram
Timothy Smith Jr
Daniel Tucker

John W Hunt
William Hersey
Jacob March
Ebenr Morrison Jr
William Durgin
Thomas Cawley
William Chase
Nicholas Giles
James Chase
Ed Taylor
Josiah Sanborn 4th
Joseph Prescott 3d
Jonathan Taylor
Jonathan Webster
William Rundlet
Benja Calley
Cole Weeks
Joseph Chapman
Nathaniel Caverly
Jacob Hunkins
Chase Sanborn
Henry Blake
Charles Thomas
William Eaton
Reuben Eaton
William Eaton Jr
Isarael Beckman

Winthrop Durgan Jr
David Morrison
Wm Hersey Jr
Benja Rallings
Josiah Blake
Joseph Weeks
Elisha Lougee
James Chapman
Edmund Rundlet
Thomas Morrison
John Morrison Jr
John Dearborn
Simeon Cass
Reuben Rundlett
William Calley
Thomas Eastman
John Taylor
Christopher Sanborn
John Clark 3
Nathl Hart
George Whitcher
Robert Steele
Jeremiah Graves
Winthrop True
John Sanders
Jonathan Lang
Jonathan Calley

Samuel Connor	Jonathan Weeks	Harper Quimby
Moses Hunt	Lyford Dow	Samuel Elsworth
David Clark	Jeremiah Smith	Samuel Chapman
John Durgin	Joseph Colby	Benj[a] Steele
Jonathan Thompson	W[m] Weeks	Josiah George
Thomas Morse	David Morrison J[r]	Daniel Gale
Jacob Thompson	John Shaw	Chase Osgood
W[m] Dyer	Chase Weeks	
Abraham Darling	John Chapman	

[*Vote of Town relative to the foregoing.*]

At the annual meeting of the legal voters of the Town of Sandbornton held March 8th 1803

Voted That Coffin Sanborn & others may be incorporated as a Baptist Society in said Town and that Capt. Samuel Prescutt forward said vote to the Gen[l] Court—

A true Copy of Record

Attest Joshua Lane Town Clerk

Sandbornton 8th March 1803—

The undersigners hereby Certify that they have been Sufficiently Served with a Coppy of the Petition of Coffin Samborn and others praying for an Incorporation as a Baptist Society in this Town before the Hon. the General Court at the last Session, and the order of Court thereon agreeable to said order of Court—

Bradstreet Moody }
Jonathan Chase } Select men

[The Baptist Association was incorporated in 1803.—Ed.]

SANDOWN.

The territory in this town was formerly in Kingston, from which it was severed by the governor and council, April 6, 1756, and incorporated as a separate town by its present name. This was done in answer to a petition from the inhabitants of the "Westerly end of the said Kingstown," and Col. Ebenezer Stevens was appointed to call the first meeting of the inhabitants.

By the return of the selectmen, made in September, 1775,

it appears that the town had a population of 635, of whom 34 were in the army. In 1786 it had a population of 521.

I cannot find any record of the addition of any territory to the town, or that any has been severed since its incorporation.

Sandown men in First N. H. Regiment.

Thomas Fuller enlisted April 3, 1777; discharged December, 1781.

Israel Ingalls enlisted January 27, 1777; discharged January 21, 1780.

[10–22] [*Relative to the Election of Representative: addressed to the General Assembly, 1776.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Hawke & Sandown Humbly Seweth that where as the Legality of our meeting to Chuse a man to Represent us in Congress last December was disputed for which reason we have not been Represented and being Sensible of the priveledge pray for a New Precept to impower us to elect a proper person to represent us in the General Assembly—and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Caleb Towle
Henry Morrill
William Buswell
Jonathan French
Josiah Tuxbury
Jonathan French Junr
Thoˢ Stow Ranney
Jerema Towle
James Towle
Jonª Clough
Hezekiah Blake
Jabez Eaton
Ezra Jones
James Lowell
Henry Elkins
Samuel March
Samuel Quimby
John Sanborn
Abraham Darling
Richard Nason
David Tilton
Joseph Clifford Sanborn
Jethro Sanborn
Henry Darborn
Nathan Jones
Nathan Jones Junr
Isac Flanders
Josiah Batchelder
Joshua George
Moses Griffen
Jonathan Whiteaker
John Collins
Joshua Herman
Peter Griffen
Zephotous Griffen
Samuel Sevens
Moses Heath
Asa Heath
Samuel wiatt
Nathan Hunt
Benjamin Shaw
Samuel Plumer
Thomas Cotton
Daniel Kelley
Samuel Harsey
Robart Collins
Richard Griffen
Joseph Tilton
John Tilton
Benjamin wells
william Rowell
Timothy fellows
Thomas Griffen
Samuel Gedkins
David Sargant
Sargant wells
Jacob wells
Timothy wells
Phinaes Bachelder
John Perver
Benjamun Colby
William Ferrin
John Straw
Benjamin Flanders
Jonathan Huse
orland Colbey
Nathaniel Ingals
David Bennet
David Straw
Jonª Straw

Eliphalet Hoite	Samuel Dannels	Zebedia watson
Joseph Williams	Benjamin Hunkens	Nathaniel Buswell
George Bartlett	Stephen Longe	Nathaniel Buswell Ju
Jedediah Philbrick	Nathaniel French	Samuel Beean
Thomas Chelles	Timothy Tilton	william Beean
Samuel Fellows	Jethro Sanborn	James Trussell
Peter Elkins	David Sleeper	David Moulton
Ann'is Campbell	David Tilton	Samuel Ingals
Nathaniel Brown	Moses Sanborn	Sharbon Sanborn
Nehemiah Sleeper	Samuel Sleeper	olever Sm Blake

The above Names is a true Coppey of the Petitioners taken of by us—

Reuben Clough
Moses Colbey
David Quinby
Reuben True
moses Hook
Ela Dow
} the Selectmen of Hawke and Sandown

Sandown June 4th 1776

Read and voted to be granted June 5, 1776.

[10–23] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Council and House of Representatives at Concord Assembled convened—

According to the Reques from the assembly of this State to make out a just account of all pols paying a pole tax for them selves we have taken the Number of all the pols paying a pole tax for them selves in the Parish of Sandown, and find they amount to the Number of one Hundred and three—

From yours to Seirve—

Ezra French
Alpheus Farrar
} Select men of Sandown

Novr 27th 1783

[Sworn to before Reuben Clough, justice of the peace.]

[10–24] [*Relative to the Line between Sandown and Chester: addressed to the Assembly, 1783.*]

Sirs—

As the Line between Chester and Sandown was Not Settled when we took the proportion Last Spring we took the Land to whare the Bounds of the Lots Layd out by Kingstown we Now

having settled the Line between the towns to be a Straight Line it cuts of Seventy two acres of Land and two heads and one house and a barn into Chester the Land supposed to be about twenty acres planting and moing and about twenty acres pastring and one acer and a half of orchard Land and thirty acers of unimproved Land £28 Value Buildings prisd at 6 pounds our prayers is that the above Heads Land and Buildings may be taken out of Sandown proportion as the above heads Land and Buildings are taken in to Chester proportion—

From your most obedient and Humble Sarvants

Ezra French } Select men
Alpheus Farrar } of Sandown

Dec^{m} 4th 1783

[10–25] [*Relative to Militia Affairs: addressed to the General Assembly, 1785.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers freeholders and Inhabitants of Sandown in said State Humbly Shew that in the Late Devision of the Seventh Regiment of melitia in this State, we are Informed that Sandown is Joyned to the Southwesterly Devision thereof that Sandown is the westerly Parish in the original Township of Kingstown and by being a Parish are naturally Connected with the other parts of said Town—That before the Revolution wee met with the other parts of said Town for Chusing Representatives and are now Connected with Hawke—another Parish in said Town for the same purpose—by which means our acquaintance & Connections with the other parts of said Town are greater than with the other Devision to which we are now Joyned

We therefore pray that your Honours would be pleased to Disannex us from the Southwesterly Regiment and Annex us to the other Regiment to which the other parts of said Town belong—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray &c—

John Sanborn	Moses Hook	Jonath Straw
Moses Sanborn	Ezekiel Eaton	Banj^{a} Williams
Stephen Long	Robert Collins	Josiah morse
Richard Long	Daniel Sleeper	John Pervere
John Perkens	Sherburne Sanborn	Jonathen pervere
Samuel Randall	Tim^{y} Tilton	Samuel Flanders
Abraham Hook	Willm Rowell	Benj^{a} Flanders
Samuel Sanborn	David Sleeper	Ephraim Flanders
Ebenezer Long	Samuel Sleeper	Benjamin Colby
John Sleeper	Jonathan C Sanborn	John Colbey

Samuel Sleeper Junr	Iaac Tilton	Ela Dow
Josiah Derbon	Benjamin Gilfling	Nath[ll] Ingalls
Nathll French	Alphs Farrar	Peter Ingalls
Phinehas Whitter	David fuller	Jonathan huse
N Wells	Benj[a] Hunkins	Spencer Bennett
Benjamin Taylor	Isaac Hunkins	Joshua Palmer
Peter Taylour	Eben Auls	Jonathan Clough
Joseph Tilton	Asa Heath	John Colby
Daniel Davis	William ferren	peter CoLBey

[10–26] [*Petition relative to Paper Currency, etc.: addressed to the General Court, 1786.*]

Humbly shew the Subscribers and Inhabitants of the town of Sandown in the County of Rockingham in said State—

That Your petitioners Labour under many and very Great Difficulties on Account of the great Scarcity of a circulating medium of trade also great Uneasiness has Arisen in ye minds of ye petitioners and many Others, on Account of a Claim Lately made to the Uncultivated Lands within this state and as your Honours are the Guardians of the Rights and priviledges of the people and as we have no Other Regular way of redress than by Applying to you therefore—we humbly request that your Honours would take our Case under your wise Consideration and Grant Us releaf Acting on the following particulars—

1[st]ly That you would not allow those persons purchersers of the Allen Claims so called any part of their Claim within this State—

2[d]ly That not any of those persons that are purchersers of said Allens Claim hold any Commission of profit or honour within this state for the space of one year—

3[d]ly That the General Court take Up the matter Respecting Masonan title to certain Land in this State which we think their title is not good and that those Lands Claimed by them be Converted to the Use of the State—

4[th]ly that thare might be a Bank of paper money made to redeem this State Security

5[th]ly that the General Court petition Congress to redeem the Continental paper Currency that is in the treasury in this State the same being more than our proportion of the Same—

6[th]ly that the ports and harbours in this State be opend and free trade for all Except the Refugees

Sandown June 1st 1786

Benjamin Flanders	Benjamin Williams	Samuel daniels
John Cheney	david Sargent	Currier Fitts
John Tucker	Richard Long	moses George
Jacob Tucker	John Chase	Isaac Tilton
Peter Colby	Jonathan Clough	Abraham Hook
John Colby	Ela Dow	Jonathan C Sanborn
Charles Pressey	William ferren	Samuel Sanborn
Jonathan Huse	Rowel Straw	Henry Page
Nathan Smith	Phinehas Batchelder	Joseph Tilton
Thomas Hoit	Edmund Buswell	Tim^{y} Tilton
Nath^{ll} Ingalls	Peter Sanborn	William Rowel
Peter Ingalls	John Pervere	John Sleeper
Benjamin wells	thomas Grifen	Nathl Wells
Timothy wells	Benjamin Shaw	John Sanborn
moses heath	John Collins	Stephen Long
moses hath Juner	thomas fallows	David ———
Thomas Sherwell	Ichobod Shaw	Jethro Sleeper
theophilus Grifen	Thomas Cotton	Josiah morse
Ezekiel Eaton	Kelley Plummer	Edmund James Junr
Spencer Bennet	Thomas Shaw	Benj^{a} Hunkins
Ezra french	Thomas Edmonds	John Hearsee
Asa Heath	Benjamin Shaw jun	Daniel Kelley
otho Stevens	Humphy Clough	Richard Fitts
Alpheus Farrar	Moses grifen	Joshua George
Sargent Wells	James Eaton	Joshua Palmer
Robert Chase	Reuben Clement	John Colby
Samuel Davis	Robert Collings	

[For legislative action, see Vol. XI, p. 130.—Ed.]

[10–27] [*Petition from one of the Exeter Insurgents: addressed to the General Court, 1796.*]

Humbly shews, David Sargent Junr of Sandown that in the year 1786 belonging to the company of Militia in said Town and being young and quite ignorant respecting public affairs, he by the request of the Officers and the example of many others of said Company was induced to join the party who went to Exeter as they said to seek for a redress of grievances—that your petitioner was one of those who were made prisoners and was then and there disarmed of a valuable firelock, which he is sensible was justly forfeited, but humbly prays that your Honours would consider him as an unexperienced youth at that time as he really was, and give order that he may receive said Firelock again, and as in duty bound shall pray— David Sargent

Concord Decr 5th 1796

[The petition was dismissed.—Ed.]

[R. 3–299] [*Petition of John Colby, Soldier.*]

Province of New Hampshire

I the subscriber namely John Colby of Sandown in said Province Inlisted as a privit Soldier und^{r} Coll^{o} Bayly the first year he went into the war and was taken by the Indians by Col^{o} Hinsdels fort and was Carried to Montrial and when that was taken I was Delivered out of Captivity and came hom Last October; and I never received any wages my self nor never gave any order to any person to draw any part of my wages

John Colby

May 4: 1761:

[Sworn before Daniel Little.]

[Said Colby appointed Jacob Bayley, of Hampstead, as his attorney (R. 3–300), in which he called himself as "Late of Newton, yeoman." Said Bayley petitioned in Colby's behalf (R. 3–301), April 16, 1761, stating that Colby enlisted in 1755, was taken prisoner in July the same year, and remained in captivity until Gen. Amherst captured Montreal in September, 1760. For particulars relative to Colby's capture, see Vol. VI, p. 412.—Ed.]

SANDWICH.

The township was granted Oct. 25, 1763, to Samuel Gilman, Jr., and others, in seventy-two shares; and purported to contain six miles square of territory. The grantees caused the same to be surveyed, and finding the "Northerly & Westerly sides thereof, so loaded with inaccessable Mountains & Shelves of Rocks that it is uninhabitable," they petitioned for an additional grant of land lying south and east of the first grant. The petition met a favorable reception, and an additional tract was granted, Sept. 5, 1764, and called Sandwich Addition, with the following bounds: "Beginning at the south westerly corner of the aforesaid tract of land granted by the name of Sandwich, & from thence runs south one mile until it comes to (or upon a line with) the northerly side line of a tract of land called Palmers-town, or New

Salem in that case to stop in a shorter measure; then running east between the aforesaid tract called Sandwich & the said Palmers-town eight miles; then turning off & running north seven miles; then turning off again at right angles & runs west two miles, to the north easterly corner of the aforesaid tract called Sandwich."

By an act passed Feb. 22, 1785, a committee were appointed to fix the lines between this town, Tamworth, and Moultonborough, their report to be final and conclusive.

December 23, 1808, an act was passed appointing William Webster, Noah Robinson, and Abraham Burnham "to establish the jurisdictional lines between the towns of Sandwich, Tamworth, Eaton, and Burton" (Albany). This committee reported against making any change in the existing lines, and their report was adopted.

[10–28] [*Sandwich and Moultonborough Inventories, 1773.*]

The Inventory of the Pools & Estats of Sandwich & Moultonburough are as followeth Viz—

Moultonborough		Sandwich	
Poolls	44	Polls	33
Slaves	0	Slaves	0
orchard	0	orchard	0
Arable land	52 Acres	Arable land	76 acers
Mow land	100 Acres	Mowing land	117 acers
Pasture land	60 Acres	Pasture land	80 acers
horses	2	Horses	2
Mares	2	Mares	1
Colts	1 three years old	Colts	0
Oxen	20	oxen	18
Cows	55	Cows	45
three years old	12	three years old	4
two years old	24	Two years old	27
Yearlins	15	Yearlins	9
Mills	0	Mills	0
Wharves	0	Wharves	0
ferries	0	ferries	0
Money		Money &c	200 L M
Stock in trade		Stock in trade	0

The above is a true Inventory of the Polls & Estates in Sandwich & Moultonborough taken by us the Subscribers in the

Month of april 1773 in pursuance of an act of Court for that purpose pass^{d} Janr^{y} 14th 1773

Dan^{ll} Beede } Select Men
Bagley Weed } of Sandwich

Sandwich ap^{l} 30th 1773—

[Sworn to before H. Wentworth, Justice of the Peace.]

[R. 3–298] [*Relative to Moses Page, Soldier, 1778.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen of Sandwich in said State Humbly sheweth that Moses Page Son of Jonathan Page of Sandwich Came to his fathers house at Sandwich Jany 15th 1777 where he abode till the 10th of april and him the said Moses hath not been an Inhabatant of any other town or Parish from march 1776 at which time him the s^{d} moses Enlisted into the Continental Service & there Remained till Dis Charged then Came to his fathers house at Sandwich as his only home & there had his name Entered in the Melisha List and Rate List and the tenth of april 1777 the s^{d} town of Sandwich hired him the s^{d} Moses at full price to Enlist Into the Continental army and Serve a turn for a man of Sandwiches quoto of the Contanental army Accordingly he Enlisted & passed muster for the town of Sandwich—Notwith Standing we have heard that Epping have Returned him as one of their men which if so we pray your Honours hearing thereon & we make no dout but we Shall make fully to apear our Rightfull property to the Benefit of him the s^{d} Moses—

Nathaniel Ethridg } Selectmen
Josiah Bean } of
nemiah cram } Sandwich

Sandwich March 31st 1778

State of Newhamp^{r}

Sandwich march 31st 1778

We hereby appoint mr Jonathan Page of Sandwich to present and prosecute the above Petition to Effect

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[10–29] [*Petition to have Town-Meetings legalized: addressed to the Council and Assembly, Dec. 25, 1780.*]

The Petition of the Select Men of Sandwich in s^{d} State humbly sheweth that the Inhabitance of said Sandwich have ever from their first holding town meetings in said Sandwich for the Choosing the town officers for said town held their Annual

Meetings for the Choice of Town officers on the Last Monday of March whereas the Day appointed by the Charter of said town to Hold their annual meeting is the Seccond Tuesday of March annually which makes it doubtfull wheither their officers are Legally apointed if not they have no Legal authority to collect taxes &c—

Wherefore we pray that your Honours Would Make an act or Resolve as in your Wisdom you see Good to Make Good & Valued in Law the appointment of the s[d] town officers & other Publick transactions of said Town of Sandwich as fully as if their annual Meetings had been held on the Day appointed by said Charter—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Daniel Beede, Ezekiel french, John Prescut } Select Men of Sandwich

[The proceedings at all prior meetings were legalized by the legislature, June, 1781.—Ed.]

[10–30] [*Relative to an alleged illegal Election, 1776.*]

To the Hon[ble] the Counsel and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire—

The Petition Memmorial & Remonstrance of the Inhabantance of Sandwich in s[d] State in Legal Meeting Conven[d] humbly sheweth that whereas Jonathan Moulton Esq is said to be Elected to Represent MoultonBorough Sandwich & tamworth in s[d] State in the above Named Assembly we think ought not to be admitted and pray he the Jonathan Moulton Esq May not be admitted there unto for the following Reasons—

First because him the s[d] Jon[a] Moulton Esq does not Reside within the Precinct nor County of the Electors

2[d]ly That on the meeting Day in the which the said Jonathan Moulton Esq was said to be Chosen and the day before & sum Days in the week before the s[d] Jonathan Moulton Esq or his friends at Moultonbour[h] did make Entertainments at which both Victuals & Liquers ware distributed plentifully to a great Number of Electors with an apparent View (as we Conceive) of gaining their Votes

3[d]ly your Petitioners humbly conceive that the said Jonathan Moulton Esq was not Choosen by the Majority of the Legal votes as the Ballet brought in to Meeting was but two the Majority for the s[d] Jonathan Moulton Esq whereas more than that

Number brought in ballet for the s[d] Jonathan Moulton Esq which had no Pretention to any Right to vote in s[d] Meeting Furthermore dureing the time of the said Entertainment the friends of the said Jon[a] Moulton Esq were disperced through Moultonberough Sandwich & Tamworth & brought in Votes from them that would not attend the Meeting a Small Majority of which were for the said Jonathan Moulton Esq and a nomber of which votes that were brought in for the said Jonathan Moulton Esq the men whose names were subscribed there unto deny that Ever Sign[d] assented or Consented thereunto and the Moderator of the s[d] Election Meeting being a Peculiar friend to the said Moulton Declar[d] the Meeting to be Desolved before we had an oppertunity of Examining into the Case All which doth appear to us fraudilent & Distructive to the good Government of a free People Wherefore we Rely on Your Honours Wisdom & Power to Interpose all such unjust measures and we as in Duty bound shall ever Pray—

At a Town meeting held at Sandwich Decemb[r] 16th 1776 Legally Notified by the Select men for the same Purpose Voted Uannimusly that the foregoing Petition Memmorial & Remonstrance be Presented to the Councel & assembly with the Select mens—

Return on the Precept &c—

Test Daniel Beede Town Clk

[The election of Mr. Moulton was set aside, and a precept sent for a new election.—Ed.]

[10–31] [*Taxes on Exeter Academy Lands.*]

A List of Taxes on the lands belonging to the Exeter Academy in Sandwich for the year 1781 & 1782 State & War Taxes

Taxes The Right of	1781 N Em	1781 Silver	1782 Silver	1781 [1782] N Em
	£ s. d.	s. d.		
Moses Thurston	£ 5,10	10, 3¾	£1,11,3	£1, 2,8
Clem[t] Moody	5, 9	9, 8	19,—	16 —
Nehemiah Cram	6, 3	10,10¾	1, 5,3	1, 1,—
Enoch Clark	6, 9	11, 5¾	1, 6,10	1, 2,4
Edward Bean	6, 4	10, 3¾	1, 5,3	1, 1,
Tho[s] Reynolds	7, 6	12, 9¾	1,10,—	1, 5,
Benj[a] Batcheldor	6,—	10, 3	1, 6,5	1, 1,—
Owen Reynolds	5, 9	9, 6	1, 3,4	18,8

Benj[a] Atkinson	6, 6	11, 1¼	1, 6,0	1, 1,8
Jos Atkinson	6,—	10, 1	1, 4 —	1, 0,—
	3, 2, 8	5, 6, 5	12,17,4	10, 9,4
			5, 6,5	3, 2,8
			£18, 3,9	£13,12,—

New Emission £13,12.
Silver £18,3,9
Copy from Sandwich Lists
Attest
Tho[s] Odiorne
Rec[r] Non Resident taxes

[10–32] [*Petition for an issue of Paper Money: addressed to the Assembly, 1786.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Being Inhabitants of the Town of Sandwich in S[d] State—most Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioners With Inhabitants of Said State Labours under Great Inconvenience for want of a Currancy or Medium Sufficient to transact the Common Business Between Man and Man and more Especially for the Payment of Public Taxes Within this State—and as the State is Grately in Debt and have Issued their State Notes to a Large amount—the Intrest of which they are annualy Taxed as well as for Part of the Principle and Whereas the State is also Called upon and taxed for a Very Large Sum for the Payment of Intrest on Continental Lone Office Certificates Issued in this State the payment of all which is Rendred Next to an Impossibility by the Scarsity of money —Notwithstanding your Petitioners are Desirous to Discharge their Public Debts with the Strictest Honour and Integrity that the Nature of things will admit of—Your Petitioners therefore pray your Excellency and Honours would Immedately make and Issue a Sum or Bank of Paper money Sufficient to pay off and Discharge all Such State and Continental Lone office Certificates Issued in this as aforesaid and that Said paper money might Be made a Tender in all Past or futer taxes—and ansure in all payments in the Publick Treasury and in all payments on Private Contracts Whatsoever—Otherwise Relive Your Petitioners as your Excellency and Honours in Wisdom Sall Seem meet—and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Samuel Winslow Jr	Thomas Burley	Thomas Colby
Benj[a] Kimball	Eliphalet Marefield	John Glidden

Benjamin Burley	Jeremiah Burpee	Benjamin Blanchard
Sargent Kimball	Joseph Hoyt	Joseph Quenbe
Elias Ladd	Nathaniel Ethridge	moses Brewer
Jacob Smith	Stephen Ethridge	John Beede
Elip^{t} Smith	Edward wells	Edward Smith
Reuben Moulton	Elisha Mudget	Bagly Weed
Isreal Gilman	Caleb Gilman	Nehemiah Cram
John Brown	Simeon Smith Jr	Jonathan webster
Stephen Webster	Simeon Smith	Joseph thresher
John Ladd	Dominicus Prescut	John Jewell
Jethro Sanborn	Josiah Burley	David Bean
Jona. Gilman	Daniel Moulton	Jacob Weed
moses senter	Thomas Burley	Bradbury Prescutt
Samuel Burley	Benjamin Adkinson	

[10-33] [*Relative to disputed line between Sandwich and Tamworth: addressed to the Assembly, Nov. 13, 1782.*]

Humbly Shews Nathaniel Folsom, Nicholas Gilman & Saml Folsom Esq^{rs} a Committee for and in behalf of themselves and other Proprietors of the Township of Sandwich in the County of Strafford

That for a Long time past there has been Pending in the Superior Court of Judicature within this State Sundry Actions between the Proprietors of Said Sandwich and Sundry Persons Settled in the right of the Township of Tamworth, which Actions have been Prosecuted by Said Proprietors of Sandwich at a very Great Expence & trouble, and must be at much more—

That by Interest of Some of the Justices of Said Court, and by other motives in Some others, Your Petitioners are in fear that they Shall never Obtain a Decicive Trial in those Cases Unless Your honours will in Justice & Equity Appoint and Commissionate Two, three, or four Special Justices to Sit in Said Court, and Adjudge those Causes,—wherein the Said Standing Justices are by Interest, or any other way Concerned or Disqualified to Judge thereof—Your Petitioners Therefore Humbly pray Your honours to Appoint a Sufficient Number of Special Justices to make a Quorum with one of the Standing Justices of Said Court to hear and Determine the Said Causes and any other in the Like Circumstances, That the Appointment may be of Such Gentlemen as are Disinterested in Either of the Said Townships of Sandwich & Tamworth, And Your Petitioners Shall Ever pray &c—

Nath^{ll} Folsom
Saml Folsom

[See introduction.—Ed.]

[10–34] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of Newhampshire & County of Straford—

A Return of the Just Number of all the Male Poles Paying for them Selves a Pole Tax in the Town of Sandwich this Present Year 1783 the Number of Which is one hundred & one Taken By the Select Men of S^d^ Sandwich December ye 8th 1783

Attest Jacob Smith } Select Men
John Ladd } of Sandwich

[Sworn to before Daniel Beede.]

[10–35] [*Relative to Taxes on Academy Lands: addressed to the General Court, June 4, 1788.*]

Humbly Shew^s^ the Select men of Sandwich in s^d^ State That the Genral Court on the 11th day of aprel 1780 Pas^d^ a Resolve that no Lands belonging to Dartmouth Colege Should be Sold for taxes Soon after a Resolve Pas^d^ that no Land belonging to the Philips Exeter Academy Should be Sold for taxes and it was further Resolv^d^ that the taxes for the Present or untill a new Proportion Shall he made Should be Charged to the State at which time one Sixth Part of the township of Sandwich belong unto Said Schools the Taxes due on which are as follows viz

	£	S	d
For the year 1778—	11	15	0
For the year 1779—	107	0	0
for the year 1780—	216	4	0

for the year 1781 New emission Paper 16—4—6—Silver 4—17—8—
for the year 1782 £15—8—2—
for the year 1783— 8—8—8—

Which account was Presented to the General Court in the year 1784 for allowance but through the hurrey of buisiness was not attended unto Since which we have been Obliged to Pay & Settle Said Taxes with the Treasurer Therefore we Pray The Honble Court to Grant unto the s^d^ town or the Selectmen of Said town for the town use an order on the Treasurer for Such a Sum as Shall be Justly due to Said Town—

And we as in duty bound Shall ever Pray

Jonathan Gilman } Select
John Ladd } men

[10-36] [*Statment relative to Roads, Bridges, etc., 1791.*]

Humbly Shewith the Inhabetance of Sandwich in Said State that the Roads in s^d^ Town, are very wet Rocky and two Bridges over a rappid Stream which often raises twenty feet Parpendicular in a very Short time which often carris off Said Bridges that a road leading through s^d^ town to Camptain is very much out of repare on which there is not one settlement for more than four Miles and another leading to Holderness equaly bad on which there is no settlement for three miles which two Last mention^d^ Roads are all on Lands of non Residents and altho the highway Rate in Said Sandwich for Several years has been more than double to all other taxes yet are Very insuficient for the purpose of Repairing s^d^ Roads Therefore we Pray s^d^ Honble Court to Pass an act to enable the Select men of Sandwich afores^d^ to tax one Penny on the acre of all the unimprov^d^ Lands owned by non Residents in Said Sandwich Excepting Public Lands for the Sole purpose of Repairing said Roads leading to Camptain & Newholderness and as in Duty bound will ever Pray

at a Legal meeting held at Sandwich Decemb^r^ 13th 1790
Voted the above Petition be Presented to the Honble Court above Said

Nathaniel French moderator
Daniel Beede Town Clerk

[10-37] [*Non-Residents' Answer to foregoing, 1791.*]

WE the Subscribers owners of Land in the Township of Sandwich being informed that a Petition is to be presented to the General Court to Tax the Nonresidents for the purpose of repairing highways in said Township Hereby signify our Consent that the prayer of said petition be now granted on the following Condition, on the part of the petitioners, Viz. that said Tax do not exceed One penny per Acre—

Exeter January 12th 1791.

John Taylor Gilman—Owner of sixteen Lots of One Hundred Acres each—	1600
Wm Parker j^r^ Six Lots one hnndred acres each	600
Jonathan Cass four Lots 100 acres each	400
Gideon Lamson four Lots 100 acres each	400
Nathaniel Gilman Five Lots : 100 : acres each	500
Whole	3500

[10–39] [*Petition for a Special Tax to Build Roads, 1796.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Selectmen in behalf and Agreeable to a Vote of the Inhabetants of the Town of Sandwich Humbly Sheweth—

That the Inhabitants of the Town of Sandwich by Reason of their local situation among Mountain Ponds and Streams are obliged to be at great Expence to Support their highways and that the Town of Thornton request a road to be laid out and Made passable to their Line which is about Six miles without Inhabitants another Road must be made to Holderness about Two miles thro unimproved Lands and another to Burton under the Same Circumstance abut three Miles and almost all our Roads in Town very bad. Therefore we pray that the Selectmen may be impowered to Assess on all the Lands in Sandwich Two Cents per Acre for the Purpose of making and Repairing the before mention'd Roads and now laid out in Sandwich where most needed or Grant us relief in Such manner as you Shall in your Wissdom Think best and we Shall as in duty bound ever Pray

Sandwich Novr 21th 1796

John Folsom
Asa Crosby } Selectmen

[The foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[10–40] [*Non-Residents' Remonstrance to foregoing.*]

The subscribers, owners of lands in Sandwich—being informed that application has been made to the Legislature for granting a Tax upon the non resident owners of lands in said Town and a time assign'd for a hearing thereon—Beg leave respectfully to shew—

That from the first settlement of said Township the proprietors have expended large sums for settling and defending the same and believe they are warranted in saying that their expences attending the settlement &^{c} have been at least equal to the proprietary expences of Any Township within the State.—

That when the first grant of the Town was run out the proprietors found so great a proportion of bad lands within their limits that they determined not to prosecute the settlement unless they could obtain an additional Grant—which they afterwards did obtain.—That it appears by a Census taken in pursuance of the Act of Congress of March 1790 That the Town

then contained Nine hundred and five persons—that since that time the number has greatly increased, that a great proportion of the Valuable lands are already settled and there is a large proportion of the lotts unfit for settlement and of Very little Value—

That the Town petitioned the General Court in the year 1791 for granting a Tax of one penny an Acre—That the then agent and representative of the Town shew this petition to a number of the non resident owners of lands and requested their consent to the Grant of the Tax that the act might pass without previous public notice and from an Understanding with the said agent and Representative that on condition of their giving such consent no further request would ever be made on this subject they gave their consent in writing which was presented to the General Court and the Act passed at the Same Session—

That a General act having been passed by the Legislature for Taxing non-residents they did not expect application would be made for particular Taxes—That a Tax of a Certain Sum per acre on lands without regard to their Value is in their opinion unequal & oppressive—Wherefore they pray that said Tax may not be granted—

Nathl Folsom	N^{s} Gilman
Nath^{ll} Gidding	Nat. Gilman
Gideon Lamson	Wm Parker j^{r}

SEABROOK.

The territory in this town was formerly a part of Hampton, and was a part of the town of Hampton Falls when that town was established, and so remained until June 3, 1768, at which time it was incorporated as a separate town by its present name, the derivation of which is obvious.

The Quaker Society, formed in 1701, was largely in that portion of Hampton which is now Seabrook, and its members were, by the act incorporating the latter named town, to be exempt from paying any taxes for the support of the Presbyterian church.

By an act passed December 7, 1816, a small tract of land was severed from Hampton Falls and annexed to this town.

June 26, 1822, an act was passed establishing the westerly boundary line of this town, by which a tract of land formerly belonging to South Hampton was declared to be within the jurisdiction of Seabrook.

[10–41] [*Relative to the Payment of Rev. Samuel Perley: addressed to the Council and House, January 15, 1770.*]

The Humble Petition of Ebenr Knowlton Richard Smith Jacob Smith Elisha Brown and Jonathan Weare all of Seabrook in said Province Yeomen Shews that your Petitioners with a Number of other Persons then belonging to Hampton falls but now Mostly Inhabitants of said Seabrook in November AD 1764 did unanimously Call and agree with the Revd Samuel Perley Minister of said Seabrook to preach the Gospele to and Settle Among them and then agreed and promised to provide him an house Garden spot the keeping of an horse and Cow and to Pay said Perley Fifty Pounds Sterling Money of great Britain Annually during his work of the Ministry among them and at the repeated request of said Inhabitants two of your Petitioners Vizt Richard Smith and Jonathan Weare Provided and hired an house for said Perley for about four years past and gave their prevate Security for the Payment of the rent for the same house for all the time aforesaid and Some time past after said Agreement your Petitr with the others Abovementioned were Erected in to a Distinct Parish from Hampton falls and in November AD 1768 Your Petitioners were all chosen by said Parish a Committee to Examine State and Settle all Accounts and Demands between said Parish and said Perley your Petitioners then found a large Balance in favor of said Perley and gave their Private Security for the same the whole of both said Sums Amount to one hundred Pounds Lawful Money For which your Petitioners are now Sued and Judgment recovered and as a Considerable part of said sums became due before your Petitioners and Inhabatants were a Parish and whereas many of the Persons who were most Active in agreeing with said Perley as above have Since refused to pay Any part of said Sums knowing that thay are not legally taxable for the same—

your Petitioners humbly Pray that thay may be Authorised to assess the Several Persons Concerned in said Agreement in Just Proportion for said Arreages and be Inabled to Collect the same or that your Petitioners may be releaved in any other way which may be thought most Expedient: And your Petitioners shall Ever Pray—

Ebenezer Knoulton
Richard Smith
Jacob Smith
Elisha Brown
Jonathan Weare

[The foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[10–42] [*Civil Magistrate wanted, 1776.*]

Colony of New Hampshire—To the Honourable Council & House of Representatives Now convenied at Exeter

The Petition of the Freholders

And other Inhabitants of the Parish of Seabrook Humbly sheweth that the Said Parish is destitute Of a justice of the Peace—that this Deficiency Exposes the Parish to many Inconveniences If therefore your Honors would take the Prayer Of this our Petition in to your Consideration & grant A Commission of the Peace to Capt Winthrop Gove The present Commander of our Malitia your Honors would greatly oblige your Petitioners

And as in Duty bound Shall ever pray &c—

Seabrook March 11th 1776

William french
Nathan Green } Selectmen of Seabrook
William Hook

thomas Lock	Daniel Hook	Enoch gove
Charles Chase	Dudly Sanborn	Abiathar merrill
thomes true	nathan gove	Daniel Smith
Jacob french	Beniamen Eaton	Jeremiah Dow
Joseph Hook	David Dow	Richd Tobie

[10–43] [*Relative to the Town's Quota of Soldiers: addressed to the General Assembly February 12, 1778.*]

The Petition; of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Seabrook in the County of Rockingham & State aforesaid, humbly shews—

That Whereas Orders were issued the last Year to said Seabrook to raise for the Continental Army fifteen Men, of which Number the Inhabitants have been able to procure only nine—

That Whereas one third part of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Seabrook are *Quakers*, who refuse to pay any Thing, towards the Support of the present War; and many, following fishing heretofore for the Subsistence of themselves & Families, are now deprived of that Business, & thereby almost reduc'd to Poverty.—Which peculiar Circumstances of many of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Seabrook, your Petitioners humbly conceive, ought to excuse them from being obliged to raise any more Men in Consequence of s^{d} Orders, than those already rais'd and gone; especially considering, that the Number of Men required of said Seabrook is

larger, than is required of some other Towns & Parishes in s^{d} County, in proportion to the State Tax; Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray, that the Inhabitants of s^{d} Seabrook may be exempted from making up the Deficiency of Men Ordered, as afores^{d}; Or that Orders be given, to call upon the Quakers to procure their proportionable Part of the Men required,— and as in Duty bound will ever pray &c:—

Elisha Brown	Enoch Gove	Ephraim Eaton
Nehemiah Chase	Job Haskell	Nathan Green
Isaac Brown	Charles Chase	John Smith
Dudley Sanborn	Ebener Fogg	Daniel Smith
Daniel Hook	John Brown	James Nor^{l} peaver
James man	Abiathar merrill	Winthrop Gove E^{sq}
Richard Smith	Joshua Eaton	Benjamin Leavitt
Benjamin Eaton	Samuel Eaton	Richard Tobie
Winthrop Eaton	Jabez Eaton	

Chosen as a Comemity for Said Petition

[10–44] [*Quakers' Petition: addressed to the General Court, 1784.*]

we the People Caled Quakers Inhabatants of Seabrook Being informed By a Notification By Your order that a Number of inhabitants of Said Parish have Laid a Pitetion Before you that our Charter might Be altered we humbly Desir that we may Retain our former Privilages Granted By that Charter and No altiration Be made to our Damage and we have apointed Josiah Dow and Joseph Philbrick a Commity to act in those Respects in our Behalf—

Seabrook the 1 day of the 11 month 1784

Tristram Collins	Moses Gove	Edward Gove
Benj^{a} Dow	Abra^{m} Dow	Winterup Dow Junr
Stephen Gove	Richard Gove	winthrop Dow
Elijah Peaslee	Jonathan Green	Elijah Dow
Robart Collins	Jonathan Green J^{r}	

[10–45] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Rockingham: ss

The Following Account Contains the Number of Polls belonging to the parish of Seabrook paying a poll Tax for the

year 1783 of twenty one Years of Age and Upwards—Number 111—

Elisha Brown } Selectmen
John Smith } Seabrook

[Sworn to, Dec. 13, 1783, before Winthrop Gove.—Ed.]

SHELBURNE.

The township was granted May 3, 1769, to Mark Hunking Wentworth, Daniel Pierce, Daniel Rogers, and John, Daniel, Isaac, and Jotham Rindge. Three hundred acres were reserved for a glebe for the church of England. The grantees petitioned, the following year, for an additional grant, alleging that a considerable part of their original grant was useless on account of mountains and rocks. The petition was favorably received, and a large additional tract of land, lying west of the first grant, was granted to the same men by an instrument dated Nov. 21, 1770. This last grant was called Shelburne Addition, until it was incorporated as a town by the name of Gorham, in 1836. The original grant was incorporated by the name of Shelburne, Dec. 13, 1820. Settlements were commenced in this town in 1775, but so little progress was made that the town contained only thirty-five inhabitants in 1790.

[10–47] [*Statement of Affairs in 1786.*]

To the Honble the Senate and House of Representatives in Genl Assembly convened—

The Petition of the subscribers a Committee of the Prop^rs^ of the Town of Shelburne in the County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire—

Humbly Sheweth That the Proprietors had previous to the late Revolution carried on a Settlement in said Town which by its local Situation was rendered very expencive and difficult, that they had nevertheless almost effected the same, when the public and private Calamities of the Country became so great as to render it impractable to make any further Progress therein—

That they had kept the Inhabitants together until the Year 1781, when a party of Savages from Canada made a descent upon Amerescogin River, and amongst other Ravages destroyed the Cattle, burnt the Mills,—murthered some of the Inhabitants, and entirely broke up the Settlement of said town—

The Proprietors further suggest to your Honours that they have discharged two Years taxes of the general Assessment on unimproved Lands, that they must set down with the Loss of all the great Expences they have been at, and begin the Settlement anew

Therefore pray your Honours would take the matter under your wise Consideration, and make such Order thereon as may indemnify them for the taxes now due—and allow them such reasonable time as may enable the prop^{rs} to bring the Settlement of said Town to the same perfection it was in at the Commencement of the War, before any new Assessment may take place, that the Prop^{rs} may cheerfully go on with the Settlement of said town to the great Advantage of that unsettled part of the Country—

And your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Dated Ports^{o} February 25th 1786

Th^{o} Martin
Is. Rindge

SOMERSWORTH.

The township was set off from Dover, as a parish, Dec. 19, 1729, but was not entirely separated and incorporated as a town until April 22, 1754. A manufacturing company was incorporated on Salmon Falls in 1761, and is believed to have been the first one incorporated in this state: it is now in the town of Rollinsford.

By an act approved July 3, 1849, the town was divided into two nearly equal parts, and the south half incorporated into the town of Rollinsford.

This town was settled early, and has since been a prosperous manufacturing and farming community. Hon. John Wentworth, member of the Continental Congress in 1778 and 1779, was born in this town July 14, 1745; died Jan. 10, 1787.

[10–132] [*Act incorporating Somersworth as a Parish, 1729.*]

Anno Regni Regis Georgii Secundi Tertio

An Act for Setting off the north east end of the Town of Dover and Errecting a Parish by the name of Summersworth whereas the North east end of the Town of Dover is Completely filled with Inhabitants who Labour under great Difficulties by their remoteness from the Place of Publick worship and have thereupon Addressed this Court that they may be Set off a Distinct Parish and be vested Powers and Priviledges accordingly—

Be it therefore Enacted By the Lieutenant Governer Council & Representitives in General Assembly convenᵈ & by the Authority of yᵉ Same that the north east part of Dover as hereafter is bounded & Discribed be and hereby is Set off a Distinct and Seperate Parish by the name of Summersworth The bounds of Said Parish to be as follows (Vizᵗ) Beginning at the mouth of fresh Creek and to run as the Creek runs to the way that goes over Said Creek or at the head of the Creek where the way goes over and from thence as the way now goes to the Southerly Side of Varnys Hill to Ebenezer Varnys Land and then to an oak tree over the End of the Said Hill which is a white oak tree marked Standing about two or three Rods from a Spring, And from thence on a North west & by North point of the Compass to the head of Dover bounds and that the Inhabitants of the Said Lands be vested with all the Priviledges & Powers of a Parish to Chuse officers for the well Regulating of yᵉ Same and raise money from time to time for Defraying the Charges of yᵉ Minister School & Poor Provided the Inhabitants of yᵉ Said Parish do within the space of one year from the Date of this Act Errect & finish a Suitable House for the Publick worship of God and Procure and Settle a Learned Orthodox minister of Good Conversation and make Provision for his Comfortable and Honorable Support—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that Capᵗ Paul Wentworth Mʳ Thomas Wallingford & Mʳ John Ricker be the first Selectmen of the Said Parish for Calling & Assembling the Said Parish togather in order to Chuse the Proper Parish officers for the year Ensuing—

Decʳ 19th 1729 Read three times in the House of Representatives & past to be Enacted—Theo : Atkinson Speakʳ pro temp : Eod : Die Read three times at the Council Board and Past to be Enacted—Richᵈ : Waldron Cler. Com.

I assent to the Enacting this Bill

J : Wentworth

[R. 4–3] [*Enlistments under Capt. Job Clement, 1748.*]

Province of New Hampshire

We whose names are underwritten do acknowledge to have Inlisted our Selves into His Majestys Service for the Protection of the Frontiers at Rochester & Barrington, under the Command of Capt Job Clements or Such other officers as shall be appointed over us, & to Continue in Said Service from the beginning of April until the latter end of September next, and twenty days longer if the Service requires it In Consideration of our being paid Eight pounds old tenor before we march to our posts, & be Excused from all Military Impresses for one year after our Service ends—

Mens Names	Place of abode when Inlisted	age	month of Inlistment
Joshua Perkins	Cochecha		
Samuel G Heard Sar^{t}	Coc^{a}		
Moses Tebbets Senr	Summersworth	46	April 7
Saml Hall	Sum^{r}	40	April 7
James Stacpole	Sum^{rs}	34	April 7
Moses Tebbets Jur	Summersworth	24	April 7
John Tebbets	Summersworth	21	April 7
Moses Yeaton	Summersworth	18	April 7
Ephriam Alley	Cochecha	23	April 7
Israel his × mark Pere	Cochecha	24	April 7
Philip his × mark Pappune	Cochecha	40	April 7
Danil his × mark Palmer	Dover	20	April 11
Loave his × mark Tuttle	Dover	18	April 16

[The above are a portion of the men enlisted by virtue of orders from Gov. Wentworth, dated March 26, 1748.—Ed.]

[R. 4–2] [*Certificate of Military Service, 1748.*]

James Clements & Benjamin Ricker Both of Summersworth was Imprest under Capt Job Clements Deceased in ye Country Service to Guard ye Frontiers at Rochester against ye Indian Enemy on August ye 29th 1748 & Continued Till the 30th Day of September following.

James Clements
Benjamin Rickers

April ye 16th 1753

[Sworn to before Thomas Wallingford.—Ed.]

[R. 4–4]

Moses Ricker of Summersworth Came in the SCout at Rochester under the Command of Cp^{t} Job Clements in the year 1748 august the first & Continued in that Sarvis twenty Eight Dayes Moses Ricker

[Sworn to at Dover, April 29, 1753, before Thomas Wallingford.—Ed.]

[R. 4–5]

[In a petition dated Jan. 28, 1757, Isaac Hanson, of Somersworth, stated that he was a volunteer in the Crown Point expedition, and arrived home Nov. 26. Was taken sick at Deerfield, on the way home, with "pluratick Fevor." He wanted an allowance to pay Dr. Smith, etc. Petition dismissed.—Ed.]

[R. 4–6]

[This document is a letter from Dr. Moses Carr to Col. John Goffe, asking him to procure pay for visits and "choice medicines" administered to one John Robinson, a soldier under Goffe's command at Cochecho in 1748. The letter, which is dated Somersworth, Jan. 31, 1860, was before the legislature Feb. 28, 1760, and dismissed.—Ed.]

[10–133] [*Petition for an entire Separation from Dover: addressed to the General Assembly, Jan. 9, 1754.*]

The Humble Petition of Thomas Wallingford Esqr John Wentworth Gent and Moses Stevens Tanner all of the Parish of Somersworth in said Province as a Committee of said Parish shews—

That the said Parish was made by an Act of the Assembly & separated from the Town of Dover by particular Boundaries as to the Maintenance of the Ministry School, and Poor, but in all other Respects Remain'd as a part of the Town of Dover in said province which in several Respects has been Inconvenient to the Inhabitants of said parish particularly as they are Obliged to resort to Cochecho to Transact any public business, to attend the Town Meetings there—to attend the Select Mens Meetings there and whatever Concerns the Town In General—and as they are Obliged to Hire a Collector of their parish Taxes and sometimes at an Extravagant Rate which is a standing Charge, and as it were a Dead weight on the said Inhabitants—they not

having power to chuse a Constable or Collector and Invest him with the power that Constables of Towns have to collect Taxes by Distress, nor in any other summary way—That were they severd from and Independent of said Town to all Intents, they Coud make many by Rules and orders Accommodated to their particular Situation and Circumstances which woud not Suit the Town in General, and which therefore the said Inhabitants cannot obtain as they are sure when any such matter is Movd to be out Voted as they have but few Qualified Voters in Comparison with the Town—that the Town of Dover is Large and coud without any Considerable Disadvantage — or at least any that woud Ballance the benefit to said Inhabitants, spare them to all Intents, as said Town have many good farms Wealthy thriving Inhabitants and are well able without any Assistance from said parish, to support all Town & province charges that can be supposd to fall upon them in Case of such an Intire Separation & Independance—

Wherefore your Peticoners in behalf of their Principals and by their Order most Humbly pray that the said parish may be Erected and Incorporated into a Town by a special Act Comprehending the same Lands and limited by the same Bounds as the said parish—that they may be Intirely Disunited from the said Town of Dover and Exonerated of and from, all Duty there, and Invested with all the Rights and privileges Fanchises and Emoluments which any other Town in this province holds and Enjoys and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c—

Thoˢ Wallingford
John Wentworth
Moses Stevens

[The petition was granted, and the parish erected into a township by the name of "Sumersworth," April 22, 1754.—Ed.]

[10–132½] [*Petition relative to Works on Salmon Falls River, 1760.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Governr and Commander in Chief in & Over his Majestys Province of New Hampshr, the Honble his Majesty's Council & House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly Convened the 25th Day of January 1760—

The Humble Petition of Thomas Wallingsford Esqr and John Wentworth Gent, both of Somersworth in said Province

in behalf of themselves and others Concerned in the Works on Salmon Falls River on the side of Somersworth SHEWS

THAT the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Dover in the Year 1701 at a Public Town Meeting Granted to John Tuttle and Ezekiel Wentworth their Heirs and Assigns the whole Accommodations of the Westward side of the Salmon Falls for the Erecting a Mill or Mills or any other works which they should Judge Convenient with suitable Accommodations of Land with the use of the River belonging to said Falls &c—on such Terms and Conditions as are Limited in said Grant, in the Right of which Grantees Divers Mills & necessary works for the Improvement of said Privilege have been Built & held ever since And among other works it has been found Necessary to Lay a Boom aCross said River Stay'd and supported by piers to stop the Timber—which comes down the River to be drawn out as Occasion Required the half of which has been maintained by the Owners on Berwick side of said River the whole being a Work of Considerable Expence—THAT the Interest of the said Grantees is by descents and purchases now Vested in many persons many of whom having a small Interest or being averse to bearing their part in out-sets or for other Reasons within their own Breast will not pay their just proportion of the charge of keeping said boom in Repair and so the privilege there must either be in a Great Measure lost or the charge of said Repairs sustained by a few who are willing to bear their part of charge as well as to Reap their proportion of profit—and the said Building is now so decay[d] as to be unfit for the use designd & must for that purpose be Rebuilt

WHEREFORE Your petition[rs] Humbly pray that they may be formd Into a propriety Enabled to meet and pass such Votes Respecting the Manner of Rebuilding said boom & all necessary appendages & appurten[s] thereof as to the Major part of the Interested shall seem best for the General Good as also for and Concerning the use and Improvement and Future Repairs thereof and to Grant such sums of Money Assess and Tax the several Owners according to their Respective Interests and collect and Levy the same in the same summary Method of Town Charges with such other necessary Incidents and modes as are Common to proprietors of Common and undivided Land that from hence forward the said Business may be Conducted in a more Equitable manner than heretofore and that Your petition[rs] may have leave to bring in a bill Accordingly and they will as in duty Bound Ever Pray &c

Tho[s] Wallingford
Jn[o] Wentworth

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 25, 1760, the foregoing petition was read, and a time of hearing appointed. In H. of Rep., Feb. 19, 1760, "This petition being read, & the adverse party being Duly notified, did not appear—Voted, That the prayer thereof be Granted, & that ye petitioners have Liberty to Bring in a Bill accordingly." Council concurred.—Ed.]

[*Relative to incorporating the Proprietors of Salmon Falls Mills, 1761.*]

Notice is hereby given that the proprietors of the Stream & Previledges of Salmon Falls so called have petitioned the General Asembly of the Province of New Hampshire to be (by an Act) Incorporated into a Propriety and endowd with Sundry Previledges &c

If therefore any person hath any reason to offer why such an Act should not pass thro' the Legislature they are to file the same with his Excellency the Govern^r^ by the Twenty Second Day of this Instant March

Province of New Hampshire March 7th 1761

By his Excellencys Command

Theodore Atkinson Sec^y^

This may Certify whom it may Concern y^t^ this Paper has been Expos^d^ to view three Publick Days at Somersworth

Att^t^ Moses Carr Town Clerk

Somersworth March 10th 1761

[The "Mills & Works on Salmon falls, in Somersworth," were incorporated by an act passed Aug. 13, 1761. I think this was the first incorporated manufacturing company in the state.—Ed.]

[*Major Wentworth's Account.*]

Somersworth August ye 6th 1778.

State of New Hampshire to Jon^a^ Wentworth D^r^ to Service at Rhodeisland from the above date untill the first Day of September as Major under Col^o^ Evans by the Commander in Chief order—

wages at the rate of fifteen pounds p^r^ month—	£12–10–0
Rations Not Drawn	2–10–0
To travel two and from	5– 0–0
	£20–0–0

[Sworn to before John Waldron, Dec. 16, 1786.]

[R. 4–10] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Somersworth August ye 15th 1783

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety now Sitting at Exeter—Please to pay all the Money that is Due to me for my Services in the Continental Army in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty to Maj^r^ Jon^a^ Wentworth and His Rec^t^ shall be allowed—

By your Humble Servt

Stephen Noble

[R. 4–11]

To the Honourable the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire For Value Rec^d^ please to pay Maj^r^ Jon^n^ Wentworth all the Money with Rations Cloathing &c that is Due to me for twelve Months Service in the Continantal Army 2nd New Hampshire Regiment and his Rec^t^ shall be a full Discharge

From your Humble Servt

Mark Wentworth

Somersworth 10th 1783

[R. 4–12]

To His Excellency Meshech Weare Esqr Please to order the Ballance that shall be found Due to my son Eliphelet Cromwell as a Soaldier in Capt Carr's Company Second New Hampshire Reg^t^ who fell by the Savages Near Saratoga in July 1777 paid to Maj^r^ Jon^a^ Wentworth and his Rec^t^ shall be a full Discharge for the Same—

From Your Obedient Humble Servt—

Eliphalet Cromwell

Somersworth October y^e^ 19th 1784

His Excellency M. Weare Esqr

[R. 4–13]

Sir Please to pay Ben Ives Gilman or order all that is due to me, for my late husband Mark Tate's Services, he having been a Soldier in the Second New Hampshire Regiment

Value Rec^d^ witness my hand—

Betty $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{her}}{\times}}$ Tate

Somersworth Sepr 22^d^ 1784.

This may Certify that Betty Tate Signer to the above Order, was the Lawful wife to the above mentioned Mark Tate, and has a Legal Right to Demand the pay as above

John Pike Town Clk

Somersworth Sepr 22^{d} 1784—

[Rev. Papers, p. 55.] [*Somersworth Men in 2d N. H. Battalion.*]

Wm Leaver age 19, Capt. Norris's Co. Left at Albany wounded.
Daniel Alley age 40, Capt. Blodgett's Co.
Wm Grant age 35, Capt. Carr's Co.
Thos Hammock age 24, Capt. Carr's Co.
Patrick Murphy age 46, Capt. Carr's Co.
Daniel Wentworth age 20, Capt. Drew's Co. wounded.
Enoch Burnham age 27, Capt. Rowell's Co. missing.

[P. 63] [The following are on a return of Capt. James Carr's Co.—no date.

George Fall, Sergeant, Edward Grant, Saml Grant, Cato Wallingford.

[P. 265. Same Co.]

John Edwards,	age 27,	enlisted	Feb.	11,	1777.	
Eliphalet Cromwell,	age 25,	"	Mar.	4,	"	
James Menden,	" 17,	"	"	18,	"	
Mark Tate,	" 23,	"	"	31,	"	
William Grant,	" 28,	"	"	31,	"	
George Fall,	" 21,	"	"	12,	"	
Edward Grant,	" 21,	"	"	18,	"	
Patrick Murray,	" 56,	"	Feb.	17,	"	]

[P. 269.] [*Soldiers in 1775 and 1776.*]

Mark Tate,	Richard Yeaton,	Love Roberts,
Francis Roberts	George Ricker	Wilaby Goodwin
John Foss	Jonathan Young	Noah Goodwin
Eanoch Whitehouse	Andrew Horn	George Burnam
James Burnam	Samuel Joans	Daniel Grant
Joshaua Grant	George Robarts	Ezekiel Ricker
Eben^{r} Whitehouse		

This may certifie the above is a List of the persons Engaged in the american service in the year 1775 and Enlisted for 1776

with the sum affixt to each persons name for his province tax for the year 1775

Somth Decr 10th : 1776

Paul Wentworth
John Rollins } Selectmen
Eben^{r} Ricker

[The whole amount of these men's taxes was £4–2–8. Ed.]

SOUTH HAMPTON.

The town was incorporated May 25, 1742, in answer to a petition of Thomas Merrill and others, and comprised portions of territory formerly belonging to Amesbury and Salisbury in Massachusetts, which were severed from those towns by the establishment of the province line in 1741. December 4, 1742, the east end of the town was severed, and annexed to Hampton Falls. In 1748 several persons in the west part of the town petitioned to be "polled off" to Newton. The matter was considered in a town-meeting July 7, 1748, and leave granted to all who would send their names to the secretary of the province within thirty days from that date. Thirty men did so; and by an instrument dated March 22, 1749, were "polled and set off" to Newton in all matters except the building and repairing of highways. January 4, 1772, a line was established between the two towns by an act of the legislature.

November 30, 1824, a small tract of land belonging to Richard Fitz was severed from East Kingston, and annexed to this town.

Hon. Phillips White died in town June 24, 1811, aged 82. He was a member of congress in 1782 and 1783, of the state council in 1792 and 1793, and judge of probate for many years.

Corporal David Page was in Capt. Enoch Chase's Company at "New Hampshire Village, Feb, 14th, 1781."

[10–53] [*Town Fast-Day appointed, 1742.*]

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hampton November the 26 : 1742 John Flanders was Chosen mod-

erator for the Same meeting at the Same meeting it was Taken in to Consideration that where as we the Inhabitants of this Town being In Present want of a Peious larned orthodox minister of a Good Conversation to Dispence the word and administer the ordinances of our lord Jesus a mong us and it being our Duty to look up to Heaven for Divine assistance to Gide us In all our affairs there fore voted that thursday ye 2 Day of December next is appointed to be a Day of Fasting and Prayer in order for the Calling and Settling a Gospel minister among us the vote was Past In the affirmative, at the Same meeting Capt Jonathan Currier and Joseph French ju^r^ was Chosen a Committee to Call in the assistance of the Neighbouring ministers to Celebrate a Day of Fasting and Prayer among us ye vote was Past In the affirmative, at ye Same meeting Jonathan Farran James George Daniel Goodwin Jacob Colby Samuel Goodwin John Elliot David Goodwin Philip Challis David Colby Nathaniel Ash Enters their Contrary Desents against the vote for the Fast which was for Calling and Settelling a Gospel minister among us. A True Coppy Taken out of South Hampton Town Book of Records attest Richd Collins Town Clerk

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[10–53] [*Vote to employ Rev. William Parsons, 1742.*]

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hampton December ye 27 : 1742 John Flanders was Chosen moderator for the Same meeting. at the Same meeting it was Voted that we Will Give the Rev^d^ mr William Parsons a Call to Settel In the work of the Gospel ministry among us voted In the affirmative. at the Same meeting mr Joseph French mr John Ordway Leu^t^ Joseph Jewell and Capt Jonathan Currier was Chosen a Committee to Carry to the Rev^d^ mr William Parsons the Towns offer of what they will Give him for his annual Sallery for Carring on the work of the Gospel ministry among us and Receive the Rev^d^ mr William Parsons answer and make Report to the adjurnement of the meeting Voted on the affirmative, the meeting is adjurn^d^ from the 27 Day of December: 1742 to the 3 Day of January 1742/3 then the meeting was Readjurn^d^ from ye 3 Day of January : 1742/3 to ye 17 Day of this Present Janury at 12 of ye Clock at the Same meeting James George Jonathan Farran Aaron Currier David Goodwin David Colby Daniel Goodwin zaccheus Colby Philip Challis Jonathan Watson Samuel Goodwin Rogles Colby Roger Eastman Jacob Colby Robert Martain Micah Hoyt Enters there Contrary Desents against the vote for Calling and Setteling ye Rev^d^ mr William Parsons or any other man in the work of the ministry under there Present Curcomstances

A True Coppy Taken Out of South Hampton Town Book of Records

attest Rich[d] Collins Town Clerk

[Rev. William Parsons was ordained over the church here in 1743, and dismissed in October, 1762.—Ed.]

[10–51] [*Vote of Town relative to setting off the West Part.*]

at A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hampton September y[e] 29 Cornet Abraham Brown was Chosen moderator for the Same meeting at the Same meeting it was taken Into Consideration that Whereas there are A number of Inhabitants of the uper or west Part of this Town that Lives at Considerable Distance from meeting and they thought In time to be Better accommadated then Constantly to assemble with us and we being Disirous to Exercise all Christian Regard and Kindness to them votes first that all those Persons that lives above or to the westward of Capt Jonathan Curriers that have a mind to go off and be a Parish Shall have there Extraordinary Charge that they are now at among us Paid back again to them that is to Say all their Part of the Extraordinary Charge that Shall a Rise to them by Finishing the meeting House Setteling a minister and Building for him when they shall be thought Capable by Lawfull authority to maintain the Gospel of Christ among them Provided they Do not molest or hinders us of the other Part in our Speedy Setteling a Gospel minister among us and that they Pay toward his Support while they are of us or belong to us hoping at the Same time they will of there own free will be assisting to us—2ly voted that we will make no opposition to them in there Indeavors to be A Reguler town or Parrish when Ever they Shall be thought Capable by Lawfull authority voted in the affirmative

a True Coppy Taken Out of South Hampton Town Book of Recoards

Attest Rich[d] Collins Town Clerk

[10–52] [*Another Vote relative to the foregoing, 1748.*]

At A lagual meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hampton July y[e] 7 1748 John Paige Esq[r] was Chosen moderator—

at the Same meeting it was Considered that whereas there are A Number of Persons that Lives at the west end of this

Town that thinks they Can better accommodate them Selves by joyning with there Neighbours for a meeting House then Constantly to assemble with us and we Being willing to Shew them all Christian Regard and Kindness votes that all those Persons that lives at the west end of this Town that have a mind to go off Shall have the Liberty to Pole off them Selves and there Estates which they now have and joyne with there Neighbours In the District for a Parrish In all affairs Provided they Pole off or File a list of there names with his Exceelency the Governour within thirty Dayes from the Day of the Date here of voted In the affirmative

a True Coppy Taken Out of South Hampton Town Book of Recoards

attest Richd Collins Town Clerk

[Thirty persons filed their names as provided, and were "polled and set off" to Newton by act of the governor and council, March 22, 1749, and the line between the towns was established by act of the legislature, January 4, 1772.—Ed.]

[R. 4–14] [*Order to impress Christopher Flanders, 1759.*]

Province of New Hamps^{r}

To Mr Nathanael Morrill Clark of the Company Under the Command of Captain Ephraim Brown of South Hampton in the Province aforesaid Or to Either of the Sergeants or Corporals belonging to said Company

Greeting

You are hereby Required forthwith to Impress Christopher Flanders of South Hampton aforesaid Husbandman for his Majestys Service in the Expedition now Carrying on for the Reduction of Canada Requiring him forthwith to Attend Said Duty: Said Christopher Belonging to the Aforesaid Company Ought to do Duty therein but has Indeavoured to Avoid the Same

Hereof fail not And make Return to me of your Doings herein—Dated at Hampton falls In the Province aforesaid the 24th Day of April In the 32^{d} year of his Majestys Reign Annoque Domini 1759—

Meshech Weare Col^{o}

Province of New Hamps^{r} April 25th 1759

By vertue of the within Precept I have Impressed Christo-

pher Flanders within named and have Notified him forthwith to attend his Majestys Service And Appear before Col° Meshech Weare Within Named for further Order

Nathl morrill clark

[R. 4–15] [*Statement of several Crown Point Soldiers: addressed to the Assembly, 1761.*]

we whose names are hereunto Subscribed we are In His majesties Servis at the Total Reduction of Canada in the year Last past under the Command of Cap[t] Jeremiah marstin and Cap[t] Jacob Tilton in Cornol Goffs Rigement—and after mountreal Surranderd to His Brittanick majesties army we ware ordered back to Crown point and when we Came to Crown point we foolishly Immagining Throug our Ignorance that our Time wase out that we Listed for and So foollishly Came away not Considering the Ill Consequinces of Coming off without orders and we are Sensable that we are under the Greatest oblegation to be Humble for our folly and madness and for setting Such Ill examples and we do present This our Humble Pitition To your Exelency and your Right worthy Honours Hoping and praying that of your Grace and Good plesure would be pleased to overLook our offence in disarting His majesties Servis without orders—and we further Beg and pray your Exelency and your Honours of your further Grace and Good Pleasure would be pleasd to order To us the wagers for the Time we wear in the aforesaid Searvis that would have Been due to us Ife we had not So unhappily disearted with out orders and In Testimony of our Humble desire we do Humbly Rely. on your Exelencys and Honours Grac and marcy Humblely Craving your peculier Regard for wee are in Needy Surcomstancs and So we Remain your Dutifull Servants—

Dated at South Hampton march y[e] 16: 1761—

Ebenezer Brown Jur
Robert pike
Ezra Getchel
Nathaniel merrill
henery french ir
Gideon Gould
Timothy Clough all of Capt marstins Company
Edward Green of Cap[t] Tiltons company

[R. 4–16] [*Certificate of Enlistment, 1780.*]

Exeter March 7th 1780

this May Certefy that Epheram & trueworthy Dudly Inlisted with Me the 3 Day of Aperil in the year 1777 theay Also ware Mustered For the town of Southampton & Recivd of Captain Parker Flanders One Hundred Dollars Each as hire For that pirpos Jon[a] Cass

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[10–54] [*Petition of sundry Persons to be annexed to Newton.*]

We Subscribers Inhabitants of South-Hampton do humbly request that we & our Estates may be Annex'd to Newton for the reasons following (viz)—

We were originally of the Almesbury District, which is now called Newtown—

We can attend publick worship there with more ease; the way to it being much better, & the place of worship nearer. Some of us live within half a Mile of Newtown Meeting House & four Miles from our Own—

The most of us do constantly attend publick worship at Newtown & enjoy special religious priveledges there: but are deny'd the Satisfaction of paying our Money where we have our favours, & to those to whom it seems of right due; & the Mortification of paying it to such as do us no good—

We are ill accommodated in regard to schooling for our Children: Newtown's School we have no right to, South Hampton is so distant that we cannot send to it. Indeed South Hampton hath in some instances left our proportion of the School Money to our own disposal but the Sum is so small that it will not maintain a School long enough to be of any considerable benefit: & even while it does support a School among us we live so Scatter'd & at such a distance from one another that the School cannot be so plac'd as to well accommodate us all at once.

Our condition is really in our account very unhappy: we therefore earnestly beg that your Excellency, & Honors, would take it under your consideration & grant such relief as in your wisdom you shall think proper

Jonathan Courier	Samuel Kimball
Philip Currier	Challis Currier
Thomas Currier	Nathan Currier
Charles Coollins	James Currier
Aaron Sargent	Sarah Currier

[In H. of Rep., March 22, 1770, John Giddings and Dr. Ebenezer Thompson were appointed a committee, to which the council added Daniel Pierce, to make inquiries, and report to the assembly. The matter was settled by the legislature, January 4, 1772.—Ed.]

[10–55] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

South Hampton Decr 16, 1783

State of Newhampshire Rockingham ss:

Agreable to a Vote of the General Assembly we the Subscribers have Taken the Number of Polls in said Town that pay Taxes from Twenty one years of Age and Upwards and the Number is Eighty Six—

Joseph Merrill } Select
William graves } Men

[10–56] [*Hon. Phillips White declines a Reëlection to Congress, 1783.*]

South Hampton Decr 22d 1783

Hond Sir

Recd A Line from the Secretary, Informing of my being appointed A Delegate to Congress, and requesting an answer—I thank the Honble Court for the Honor done me, but my affairs are in such Situation, that I cannot Engage. I am your Honr Obedt Humbl Servt

P White

Hon Meshech Weare President of Council

[Mr. White was a member of congress in 1782 and 1783. Ed.]

[10–57] [*Protest against the Adoption of Articles 8 and 9 of the Confederation, 1783.*]

This May Certify that I Eliphelet Merrill as Representative for the Town of South Hampton & Newtown Agreable to Instructions from Said towns do Enter my protest Against the Eighth & Ninth Articles of the Confedaration as proposed by the Honble Continental Congress Being Recd by this State as they Now Stand—

Eliphelet Merrill

[10-58] [*Hon. Phillips White declines the Office of Senator.*]

South Hampton Decr 5 1794

Sir

Rec^{d} your fav^{r} enclosing a Notification of my being appointed by the general Court A Senator for Ds^{t} N° 2 in this state—

In the course of the last year I made mention to several of the members of the general Court that belonged to this County and others that I inclined to retire from Public business. I remain of the same mind and determine that the liberty which I now enjoy shall not be interrupted by my Accepting of said appointment, this from

your Huml Servt

P White

Nathaniel Parker Esqr

[10-59] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to establish a Town Line, 1794.*]

The Petition of the Select Men of South Hampton in said state, in behalf of Said town and agreeable to a Vote of the same Hnmbly Sheweth—

that not a long time after said town of South Hampton was Incorporated, a Number of the Inhabitants at the Eastwardly part of Said Town Petitioned the General Court to be annexed to Hampton falls, which was granted and all the Inhabitants & there Estates Eastward of a certain line from the South East corner bounds of Kensington to the State line were thereby annexed to Hampton falls, leaving the nonresident lands to South Hampton, not a long time after those annexed Inhabitants together with a part of What was formerly Hampton falls were Incorporated into a town by the name of Seabrook which brought the Side line of South Hampton not far from the middle of Said town of Seabrook. Since which time many disputes have arisen with regard to taxation, but we cannot find on any record that said line hath been Perambulated since said towns were Incorporated, that is the line Eastward from the South East corner bounds of Kensington to the Atlantic Ocean, but Since the late Act of the Honble General Court requiring all towns in said state to Perambulate there lines and renew the bounds and Monuments, your petitioners have made Application to the select men of said town of Seabrook and likewise of Hampton falls to Perambulate said line. but a difference of Sentiment appears to be betwixt them and us with regard to the

place where said line shall be Perambulated, which we think is not likely to be Settled without the Interposition of your Honours having in our opinion taken Every reasonable method to Settle the same, your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honours would take the Matter under your wise Consideration and appoint a comittee to Establish said line agreeably to the returns that may appear, that is the line from the South East corner bounds of Kensington Eastward to the Atlantic Ocean, or take such other order upon the same as your Honours in your Wisdom may think proper, and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever pray—

South Hampton Decr 8th 1794

Jacob Collins
Joseph Jones jur } Select Men
John H Pilsbury

SPRINGFIELD.

The township was granted Jan. 3, 1769, to John Fisher, of Portsmouth, and fifty-nine others, by the name of Protectworth. Settlements were made in 1772, but the town contained only 210 inhabitants in 1790. The town was known by the aforesaid name until Jan. 23, 1794, when it was incorporated, and named Springfield. By an act passed June 20, 1817, a tract of land lying between this town and Enfield called Heath's Gore, was annexed to this town.

[10–60] [*Relative to Wentworth's Reservation: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The Petition & Memorial of Us the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Township of Protectworth in the County of Grafton in the State aforesaid unto Your Hon^{rs} humbly Shews—

That Your Petitioners labour under very great Hardships for the Want of a Grist Mill whereby they have Annually lost near half the Value of their Grain in going to distant Mills, That the Priviledge whereon the present Saw Mill is erected, is by no Means sufficient for the Purpose of a Grist Mill, having scarcely Water enough to supply Boards for the present Inhab-

itants, and your Petitioners having assembled themselves together, chose a Committee to inspect a Place suitable for that Purpose who proceeded upon that Business and found an excellent Place called the great Bog Brook on the North Westerly Part of the Town North of Samuel Stevens lot, as the only Place that can accommodate the Town, which Your Petitioners are informed belongs to the Estate of John Wentworth Esqr late Govr of New Hampshire now an Absentee and to be appropriated for the Benefit of his Creditors and as the building the said Mill greatly enhanced the Value of the Land in the Town Your Petitioners humbly apply to this Honble Court for a Grant of Two hundred Acres of Land, to be disposed of as the Town may think most advantageous to them, in Consideration of which, the Town will undertake to build & keep the said Grist Mill always fit for Use. If your Honours sh^{d} not think yourselves sufficiently authorized to make said Grant as being a Property already appropriated they pray the Honble Judge of Probate may be advised on this Matter so interesting to yr Petitioners and their dependant Families whose Wants for the bread of life are often pinching, while they are so far situated in the Wilderness from Mills; And Your Petitioners further pray this Honble Court would Oblige the Proprietors of the Township called Alexandria Addition and other Towns thro' which they must travell to and from the lower Parts of the State to cutt out & clear their Roads, which has been wholly done by Your Petitioners hitherto to their great Injury and Damage, Your Petitioners are desirous at this Time to acknowledge themselves the Subjects of this State notwithstanding the Extension of the Jurisdiction of Vermont and that they would wish ever to remain so, Your Petitioners pray such Relief on this Petition as Your Honours in your Wisdom may think proper—

David Hall
Daniel heath
Enoch heath
Zephaniah Petee
Nichlus Hardy
Ebenezer Loverin
Israel Clifford Jun
Nathaniel Clark
George Witaer
Samuel Stevens
Israel Clifford
wadleigh Smith
John Lovring
Matthew Pettengill
Samuel Day
John Couch
Thomus Gordin sen
Thomus Gordin Juner
Benjamin Choate
Nathan Letel
Ruben Stevens
Ruben hoit
Thomas Colcord
Daniel Bean
David Bean
John Sawer
Jonathan Dudley
Samuel Stevens

[10–61] [*Relative to Gov. Wentworth's Land: addressed to the General Assembly, 1780.*]

The Memorial, and Petition of the Proprietors of Protectworth in the County of Grafton in the State aforesaid, unto your Honours Humbly Shews—

That John Wentworth Esqr late Governor of New Hampshire purchased Twelve Thousand Acres of Land in said Township equal to Twenty seven shares which were accordingly allotted out at the Expence of this Proprietary, and afterwards drawn to said Shares, That for Settlement of said Land, the Governor agreed to give away Eighteen Lotts of one hundred Acres each to setlers, and imployed Capt J Minot of Concord for that Purpose, and also gave away to sundry Persons several of his Seventy five Acre Lots to be setled, but before he had executed his Deeds for the same, he quitted the Government, and Capt Minot also failing in his Contract, the whole Burthen of the Settlement has fallen on ye Petitioners who have given away more than Twenty setling Lots, besides paying for public Roads & allotting the Town, and the State Taxes for the years 1777, and 1778, whilst all the Proprietary, and State Taxes on the said Governors Rights are wholly unpaid, and altho your Petitioners have directed their Collector to proceed in the Sale thereof agreable to Law, and Notifications in the public Prints for that Purpose, yet as by the Sequestration, & Confiscation Acts, the said Governors Estate becomes forfeited, Your Petitioners out of Respect to Government, have desired said Collector to desist in the Sale of the delinquent Rights until they have the advisement of the Honble Court, and they humbly pray your Honours to appoint a Committee to examine into the State of this Dependency, & to report thereon so as this Honble Court may grant such Relief thereon as may be found Reasonable— And that those Persons who have had Lots promised them by the Governor may be confirmed thereon, and that the said Eighteen Lots of one hundred Acres each designed for the Settlement of the Town, may be disposed of by the Proprietors in the most Beneficial manner for the Settlement of the Town, and that the Seventy five Acres on which the Taxes have been laid may be sold for payment thereof agreable to Law, or otherways paid by an Order on the Treasury, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Jonathan Warner, Moderator.

Portsm^{o} June 16th 1780 A true Coppy from the Records of the Proprietors of Protectworth

Attested per John Wendell p^{rs} Clerk

[10-62] [*Petition from Settlers on the Governor Wentworth Lots: addressed to the Assembly, 1780.*]

Humbly Shews Your Petitioners that John Wentworth Esqr late Governor in Granting the Township of Protectworth made a Reserve to himself of about Twelve thousand Acres of Land and to enhance the Value thereof, Promis^{d} a Certain quantity of Land to any persons who Should begin Settlement on said Tract, upon which encouragement and Verbal Agreement with said Governor Each of Your Petitioners begun Settlement and a Number became Actual Settlers in said Township having a Promise also that a passable Highway should be cut and cleared to said Town and thence to each Settlers Lott, which Lotts as p^{r} Agreement for quantity are as represented in the Schedule hereto Annexed, and also that a Corn Mill should be built in the Town afores^{d} for the benefit of the Propriators, neither of which promises has in the least been peformed, to the great detriment of your Petitioners, and that to the Amount of a considerable Sum in opening highways to and in said Town, And Circumstances being such at present we know of no way how to obtain Title to our lands but by Application to Your hon^{rs} wherefore Your Petitioners humbly pray, that their Claim to the Lotts of Land above refered to may be confirmed to them by an Act of the Hon^{bl} Assembly in such manner as You in Wisdom shall Judge most proper, and as the before mentioned Tract of Land is now become the property of this State, We pray that an Adequate sum be Allowed your Petitioners for opening and clearing highways, and that we may have a Corn Mill built according to Promise when Your Petitioners made Settlement, the Non-performance of the before mentiond Promises being a burden too heavy for your Poor Petitioners to bear, and Except relieved by your hon^{rs} must finally Sink under the weight, and as your Petitioners Viz those that reside in s^{d} Protectworth by the aforesaid difficulties are very much reduced, having a Will altho not ability to pay Taxes, pray, their Polls may be abated the present year and as in Duty bound Your Petioners shall Ever pray

Protectworth June 5th 1780

Samuel Stevens one 75 Acre Lott N° 0
Nathaniel Clark one 75 Acre Lott N° 0
Nicholas Hardy one 75 Acre Lott N° 0
Zephaniah Petty one 75 Acre Lott N°
David Bean one 75 Acre Lott N°
Thomas Gordon Junr one 75 Acre Lott No°
Isaac Sanborn one 75 Acre Lott N° 0
abraham Sandborn

Daniel Clark one 75 Acre Lott N° 0
Moses Elkins one 75 Acre Lott N°
David Hall one 75 Acre Lott N° 0
Matthew Pettingall two 75 acre Lotts N° 0
Moses Call one 75 Acre Lott N° 0
Moses Loverein
Nathaniel Little one 75 Acre Lott N°
Ebenezer Loverain 75 acre Lott N° 0
Jacob Heeth
Ezekiel Heeth
Daniel Heeth

[10–63] [*Report of Committee on foregoing, 1780.*]

State of New Hamp^r^

In the House of Representatives June 21st 1780.

The Committee on the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Protectworth, Report that they think it Reasonable that an Act should pass Confirming to the Fifteen persons first named in the Schedule Annexed to the Petition their Heirs and Assigns the fee of a Seventy five Acre lott of Land, to wit the respective Lott on which Each person hath made Improvement, Provided a Family is actually settled thereon within Twelve Months— and to the Three last Mentioned in said Schedule, Viz Jacob Heath, Ezekiel Heath, and Daniel Heath One Hundred Acres Each to be laid out to Cover their several and respective Improvements, and are of Opinion that the Determination of fulfilling any further Promises said to be made said Settlers by Govr Wentworth, be postponed untill some Evidence of such promises Appear, Signed Ge° Atkinson Chairman, which report being read & Considered: Voted that it be received and Accepted, and that the Petitioners have leave to bring in a Bill Accordingly—

Sent up for Concurrence

John Langdon Speaker

In Council the same day read and Concurred

E Thompson Sec^ry^

[10–64] [*Oliver Whipple's statement relative to the Settlers on the Governor's Land, 1780.*]

Portsmouth June 19, 1780

Gentlemen

Mr Wendall having requested me to give the Honble Committee what Information I could, respecting Governor Went-

worth's Interest in the Township of Protectworth, on Consideration, I recollect the following Facts—

That in the Year 1771, as I remember, Governor John Wentworth, told me he had Lands in the Township of Protectworth, and that he wanted about ten or a dozen Families to settle on the same; he asked me, if it was probable I could procure that Number of Settlers in the State of Rhode Island, for him, to settle his Lands in said Protectworth, I told him it was likly I could get that Number; accordingly at his Request & on his Behalf, I wrote an Advertisment, sent it to Providence to Mr Carter the Printer of the Providence Gazzette, which he published; In which Advertisment, I offered as an Inducment to Setlers, (agreeable to the Governor's Directions) to give each Setler, one hundred Acres of Land in Protectworth; The exact Number of Setlers the Governor wanted I cant be certain of, but I think about twelve but he told me, if there were twenty or more it would be agreeable, as the other Proprietors would be glad to take them on the same Lay and I think I advertised for about 20 Setlers: In Consequence of my Advertising, some Persons from that Quarter wrote me, They would accept my offer, and I understood they set out to see that Part of the Country, but on their going into those Parts, they found other Lands, more agreeable, as I was informed, & so made no further Application to me; The Governor to my Knowledge, was urgent with me to get those Setlers for him, as he was extremly desirous to have his Part in that Town, settled as soon as possible; This is all I can recollect after so long Time has elapsed, had I the Advertisment I could be perticular, but the foregoing is the Substance, the Truth of which I am ready to give Oath to, if call'd on,—I am Gentlemen, your most obed^t^ & very Humble Servt

Oliver Whipple

To The Honble George Atkinson Esqr & others a Committee of the General Assembly of New Hampshire appointed to consider the Petition of the Inhabitants & Proprietors of the Township of Protectworth

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[10-65] [*Samuel Gilman relative to foregoing, 1781.*]

Protectworth 18th June 1781—

Sir

Not having yet compleated my Business here, and being uncertain whether I shall be able to return before the General Court rises, I take the liberty to represent to you, that tho' I find the People well enough satisfied with what has been done by the Court respecting their Settling Lotts, yet they Labour

under very great Difficulties for want of Roads and a Grist Mill, particularly a Mill and are very desirous that a Lot might be appropriated for that Purpose, which I have no Right to do, without Orders of Court, which if I don't return soon, shall not be able to obtain before the Sale, unless you Sir, will please to make Application that the Committe of Safty might be Authorised to Examine and take Order in the Matter, on my Return—the Matter being of so great Consequence to the People and Prosperity & advancement of the Settlement doubt not your doing what you can in the Affair—Am Sir in hast your most humble Servt—

Saml Gilman

To John Wendell Esq, Portsmouth

Setlers in the Township of Protectworth

Samuel Stevens	Moses Elkins	John Sawyer
Isaac Sanborn	Zeph : Petty	Matthew Scales
Abraham Sanborn	Benja Choate	Thomas Colcord jr
Nathl Clarke	Matthew Pettingale	——— Quinby
Geo : Pitcher	John Cootch	Israel Clifford
John Lovering	Wm Cousier	Jonathan Dudley
Samuel Stevens Jr	David Bean	Tristam Clifford
Moses Lovering	Daniel Bean	Jacob Heath
Israel Clifford junr	David Hall	Enoch Heath
Ebenezer Lovering	Thomas Gordon	Daniel Heath
Caleb Lovering	Thomas Gordon junr	Nathaniel Little
Nichs Hardy	Samuel Day	Daniel Clarke.—

[10–66] [*Petition for a Lot for a Grist-Mill, 1781: addressed to the Legislature.*]

The Memorial & Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Protectworth in the State aforesaid Humbly Shews—

That your Petitioners have setled in the said Township to the number of forty & more daily expected in. that the roads to said Township are extreme bad from black Water bridge about the distance of Eight Miles, and what is now done has been done by your Petitioners at their own Cost & Expence, by which the Land through which it passes is much enhanced in Value, & is now & will be hereafter greatly Travell'd through as the Country opens. Your Petitioners further begs Leave to represent to this Honourable Court that the proprietors have built them a Saw Mill in said Township, but that there is no Stream Sufficient to Carry a Grist Mill only on the north part of the Town, which formerly belonged to the late Governor

Wentworth, and which is now laying out by the Trustee of his Estate, who is now desirous of reserving to your Petitioners a Mill Lott for that Priviledge, but cannot without Leave of this Honorable Court, which Priviledge if the said Trustee shoud Sell wou'd greatly Damage the Settlement of said Township, wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that the Owners of said Land through which the said Road Passes may be obliged to reimburse a reasonable sum for making said road and that they be obliged to make the same Passable for Waggons, and that your Honors wou'd Authorize the Honble Committee of Safety to set a part as much Land for the purpose of a Gris Mill as they together with the said Trustee upon his return from Surveying the same shall judge reasonable Your Petitioners wou'd also beg leave to Inform this Honorable Court that they have been sent to by the State of Vermont for their Quota of Men, yet they have taken no Notice thereof, but are desirous of still remaining Subject to the State of New Hampshire to which they have hitherto thought themselves belonging,—Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

John Wendell in Behalf of the Setlers in Protectworth

June 22^{d} 1781—

[10-67] [*Relative to maintaining the Road through New London, 1783.*]

State of New Hampshire Cheshire County

To the Hon^{le} General Court of s^{d} State—

The Humble petition of us the Subscribers, Inhabitants and setlers, of the Township Called Protectworth; we your Humble petitioners, would shew forth that we living in a new Town and have many bad Roads to make, and to mend in s^{d} Town, over and above all that we have a frequent Necessity to pass in from s^{d} Township toward the lower part of s^{d} State, and the difficulty in passing as the Road now is; is almost impracticable especially some part thereof (Viz) a part that now goes through a part of New London, which is the most direct road for us; to almost any part, of the lower part of s^{d} State, and the same road has hitherto been Maintained by the Settlers of s^{d} Protectworth—(and by many Reasons, too many to be Enumerated, which your Hon^{rs} may easily conceive of in a Moment—we cannot be at the charge of keeping it passable any longer)—therefore your Humble petitioners prays that the proprietors, or Inhabitants of New London may be Obliged to make Feasible and keep so, so much of s^{d} road to Protectworth (where it

is most advantageous to the setlers of s[d] Protectworth and the publick in General) as goes through New London, and prays that something particular relative thereto may be done and your Humble petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Protectworth Oct[r] 28th 1783

Samuel Day	Nicholas hardie
Israel Clifford	Thomas Gorden Jun
Nathaniel Clark	Thomas Colcord
Biley hardie	Matthew Gault
Israel Clifford Juner	Ebenezer Loverin
John Quimby	John Loveren
John Couch	timothy quimby
John Sawyer	Samuel roby
Reuben Stevens	Enock heath
wadleigh smith	

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 4, 1782, voted that the proprietors of New London shall keep the road in repair.—Ed.]

[10-69] [*David Bean chosen for Justice of the Peace, 1786.*]

The town of Protectworth being Meet together at time and place according to Warning pas[d] these following Votes Viz

1[st]ly Chose Reuben Stevens Morderator to govern s[d] Meting—

2ly Made Choise of David Bean to be our Justice of Peace

Protectworth January y[e] 16th 1786

A Coppy of afour s[d] Meting

Sam[ll] Robie Town Clerk

[10-73] [*Petition for an Act of Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1793.*]

The petition of the Selectmen of Protectworth in the County of Cheshire within the State aforesaid in behalf of the Inhabitants of said Township, Humbly Sheweth, that whereas said Township have not been Incorporated and thereby the Inhabitants of said Township are not entitled to all the privileges that many of our fellow Citizens of other Towns are which we trust this Hon[ble] Court will be ready to grant to the Inhabitants of said Township if asked for—They therefore Humbly present themselves as objects of the like favour, and pray that they woud take into their wise consideration and Incorporate said Township by the name of Springfield, and that the Annual

March Meeting be as now appointed by an Act of General Court, and as in duty bound will ever pray—

Protectworth June ye 3^d^ 1793

Moses Richardson, John Quinby, Samuel Robie } Selectmen of Protectworth

This is to certify that the within Copy have been posted up agreeable to the within Order by us

Moses Richardson, John Quimby, Samuel Robie } Selectmen of Protectworth

Protectworth Decr ye 21st 1793

[The town was incorporated Jan. 23, 1794, and its name changed to Springfield.—Ed.]

STARK.

The township was granted Aug. 3, 1774, to Jacob Walden and others, by the name of Percy. This being the family name of the duke or earl of Northumberland, and a member of said family, Thomas Percy, being at that time chaplain to the king, probably accounts for the name, and also for the name of the town of Northumberland, the latter being named in 1771. The town was incorporated Jan. 9, 1795, and in the act of incorporation the spelling is changed to Piercy.

By act passed June 21, 1832, the tract of land embraced in ranges seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, and twenty, in the south-east part of Stratford, was annexed to this town, and on the 21st of December of the same year, the tract of land granted to Gen. John Winslow, of Marshfield, Mass., Oct. 21, 1773, containing 5,060 acres, was also annexed to this town.

By an act passed Dec. 28, 1832, the name of the town was changed from Percy to Stark, in honor of Gen. John Stark.

December 4, 1840, a tract of land owned by Elhanan Winchester was severed from this town and annexed to Lancaster.

July 1, 1868, a small tract of land was severed from Stark and annexed to Dummer.

[10–75] [*Petition for Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1794.*]

The petition of the subscribers, Inhabitants of a New Township called Piercy in the County of Grafton State aforesaid Humbly Shews—

That we s^{d} subscribers labouring under many inconveniences on Account of our Not being vested with Town Authority by Incorporation, Not only in laying out Roads, and establishing them in the most convenient Routs, but many other inconveniences to the great detriment and preventing the settlement of s^{d} New Township—Therefore praying that the Hon^{bl} General Court, would Incorporate s^{d} New Township into a Town by the Name of Piercy as afores^{d} thereby Vesting them with Town privilegs as other Towns in the State by Law do enjoy—And as in duty Bound will ever pray—

Piercy May 10th 1794—

Caleb Smith	Elisha Blake
Jonathan Cole	Anthony Clefford Jun
Barnard Cole	Nath^{ll} Dodge
Clafford Cole	peter Leavitt
edmund Cole	James Leavitt
Abner Clark	Peter Leavitt Jur
Aaron Jackson	Daniel Miles
Edward Rowell	James ——
John Ward	Daniel Rowell

[The petition was granted, and the town incorporated Jan. 9, 1795.—Ed.]

STEWARTSTOWN.

The township was granted Dec. 1, 1770, to Sir James Cockburne, Sir George Colebrooke, and John Stuart of London, and John Nelson of the island of Grenada; the two latter were merchants. The town was named Stuart town, the derivation of which is obvious. It was incorporated Dec. 22, 1795, by the name of Stuart, but doubts arising as

to the legality of some of the proceedings, it was again incorporated Dec. 24, 1799, and named Stewartstown. The town being on the frontier during the Revolutionary war and liable to raids by Canadian Indians, no permanent settlements were made until after peace was declared. A fort was built in town during the War of 1812–'15, and occupied for some time by American troops.

[10–76] [*Petition for Authority to assess a Tax on Non-Resident Lands, etc.: addressed to the General Assembly, 1795.*]

The petition of the subscribers, inhabitants of a Township called Stuart in said County humbly sheweth, that your petitioners did some of them become inhabitants of said Township previous to the late War with Great Britain, and in addition to the burden of war which they felt severely, they have suffered much harpship in traveling through the desart to their respective settlements without roads, although under necessity of bringing their supplies of provision &c thirty miles or upwards—and notwitstanding the increasing settlements of said township and the most strenuous exertions of said inhabitants the road in and through said Stuart is incomplete and impassible for teams; and your petitioners conceiving it to be highly reasonable that the lands in said township whose value hath been increased by their emigration and settlement should bear at least part of the burden of making roads therein, which the proprietors of said township have hitherto wholly neglected to do: therefore your petitioners humbly prays this honorable court to grant a tax of two pence on each acre of land in said Stuart for the purpose of making and repairing roads and bridges therein to be laid out under the direction of some meet persons in said township with in one year from the last day of November next ensuing the grant of said tax—And further your petitioners considering many inconveniences to which they are subject on account of their unincorporated state, the want of authority to raise money and collect the same for the purpose of making roads, keeping schools, and conducting other matters for the benefit of said inhabitants pray that they may be incorporated, and vested with all the power and authority which other towns within said State do by law exercise and enjoy and your petitioners shall ever pray—

Stuart 11th May AD 1795—

Dan[l] Brainerd J[r]
Rich[d] Smart
Abner Powars
Abel Bennet Jr
John French
Luther French
Longley Willard
Barzillai Brainerd
John Walls
Danl Hulbert
Elisha Dyer
Theophs Durell
Clement Miner
Abner wood Junr
David Lock
Nathaniel Durell
Boswel Merrill

[Granted Dec. 9, 1795.]

[10–77] [*Relative to amending the Act of Incorporation, 1799.*]

Whereas a petition was prepared to the honorable General Court of the State of New Hampshire, at their Session in June, in the Year 1795, praying that a place called Stuart, in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, might be incorporated into a Town, and also that a tax of two pence on each acre of Land in said Stuart, might be granted for the purpose of making roads and bridges; Whereupon the said General Court at their session in December in the same year passed an Act to incorporate the said place called Stuart, by the metes and bounds mentioned in the Charter thereof, into a Town by the name of Stuart; and at their session in December in the Year 1796, passed an act granting a tax of three cents on each acre of land in said Stuart, public rights excepted, for the purpose of making roads and bridges, And as the said place was at the time of preferring said petition, understood and known to said petitioners by the name of Stuart, when in reality it was called Stuartstown in the Charter thereof, and some doubts have since arisen respecting the legality of said incorporation, as well as of the tax granted as aforesaid: Therefore, Your petitioners, inhabitants of said Stuartstown, humbly pray this honourable Legislative Body, to make such Amendments to the before mentioned Acts, as they shall think expedient, to answer the ends and purposes for which they were passed, or by any other way which they shall think proper incorporate the said Stuartstown, and vest it with such previledges as other Towns in said State enjoy, and enable them to collect and lay out a tax of three cents on each acre of land therein, for the purpose of making Roads and Bridges, public Rights excepted—And your petitioners shall ever pray &c—

Stuartstown Nov[r] 23[d] AD 1799

Dan[l] Brainerd Jun[r]	Danl Hulbert
Richard Smart	Eliphalet Miner
Stephen Kemp	Elisha Dyer
Jeremiah Eames Ju[r]	David Locke
Pellatiah Nichols	Hanry Sallanhim
John Walls	Elijah Benton

[December 24, 1799, an act passed the legislature incorporating the town by the name of Stewartstown.—Ed.]

STODDARD.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors to Col. Sampson Stoddard, of Chelmsford, Mass., and others, and went by the names of Monadnock No. 7, and Limerick, until it was incorporated Nov. 4, 1774, and named in honor of Col. Stoddard. Settlements were made in 1769 by John Taggart and others, who for a time obtained bread-meal in Peterborough and carried it to their homes on their backs. By an act passed Sept. 27, 1787, the south-west corner of the town was combined with portions of Gilsum, Keene, and Nelson, and incorporated into the town of Sullivan.

The lines of Gilsum and Marlow, as chartered, extending some distance east of the curve line of Mason's patent, as surveyed by Joseph Blanchard, and the west line of Stoddard, being said curve line, caused a serious dispute as to which should have jurisdiction over the territory in question. This was settled in favor of Stoddard June 16, 1797.

June 25, 1835, the farm of Ebenezer Tarbox was severed from Stoddard and annexed to Nelson.

Stoddard men in First N. H. Regiment:

Samuel Morrison enlisted January 1, 1777; discharged December, 1781.

Richard Richardson enlisted April 3, 1777; discharged April 5, 1780.

Nathaniel Richardson enlisted April 3, 1777; died June 24, 1777.

The manufacture of glass-ware was carried on to some extent at South Stoddard for many years.

[10–86] [*Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1776.*]

By Virtue of an order from the Select men of Stoddard to me I Warn all the Freeholders and oather inhabitants of the Town of Stoddard To meet att the Dwelling house of Ens^{n} John Tenneys in Stoddard on Wednesday the twentieth Day of June next at Eleven oClock forenoon then and there to act on the following articles if they see fit

1th To Chuse a moderator to govern Said meeting—

2^{ly} To See if the Town will Chuse a Select man in the room of Isaac Kenney who was Chose that office and refuses to Sarve the Town—

3^{ly} To See if the Town will Chuse two Constables in the room of Ephraim Adams and Benoni Boynton, who was Chose and refuse to Sarve ye Town

4^{ly} To See if the Town will a gree to hire any preaching this present Summer—and Chuse a Committee for the Same—

5^{ly} To raise Such Sum or Sums of money as Shall be thot proper—

6^{ly} To See if the Town will Chuse a Commitee to open Such of the propriators roads that was Laid out in this Town before it was incorporated as shall be thot neessary—

7^{ly} To See What the Town will Do in respect to Isaac Kenneys Taken asalls oath

8^{ly} To have the Town agree where the preaching Shall be if they hire any

9^{ly} To See if the Town will Chuse a Commitee to reckon with oliver Parker and to receive his accompts and give him recipts—and to Demand of him the Said parker the Town Book of records With the inCorporation and all the records that are past

Stoddard may ye 22^{d} 1776

Isaac Temple Town Clr

[10–78] [*Remonstrance against the election of Joseph Rounseval, 1776.*]

Colony of Newhamp^{r}

to the Honble Counciele and house of Representatives for s^{d} Colony—

the Petition and prayer of the subscribers Inhabitants of Stoddard in S^{d} Colony humbly Sheweth that m^{r} Joseph Rounsivile may not have a Seat in Court for Reasons here mentioned firstly because he is not worth the money Seccondly because he is not

leagly Chousen the Town not Being warned to Chuse a Represintitive But to Chuse a Comt^ee^ to Chuse one and accordingly he was Chosen by Comt^ees^

Stoddard August 2^d^ 1776

Jonathan Bennett	joel Gilson
Oliver Parker	William Dutton
John Dutton	Isaac Kenney
Asa Adams	Moses Kenney
Thomas Adams	

[10–79] [*Disorder at a Town-Meeting, 1776.*]

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of Stoddard in the Colony afores^d^ humbly Sheweth That on the Last Thursday of the month of march Last past at Stoddard afores^d^ was held ye annual meeting, so called, for the Town afores^d^ when after Chusing by hand Vote The Town officers for the Ensuing Year (among which Officers were Two Constables Chosen) The Town Clerk and Selectmen then chosen utterly refused to permit the s^d^ Constables to take the Oath of office, declaring that ye former Selectmen should make ye assesment, and the former Constables collect the same, for the Ensuing year, after the Transacting of which it was requested of the moderator to Adjourn ye s^d^ meeting, upon which he called a Vote to see if it was the mind of ye Inhabitants so to do who almost unanimously voted that s^d^ meeting be not adjourned, but the moderator notwithstanding did declare the same adjourned untill ye Second day of may then next, at which Time a Number of your petitioners protested against ye proceedings of s^d^ meeting for the Reasons afores^d^ your Petitioners further shew that on the Twelfth day of June Instant a small Number of the Inhabitants of ye s^d^ Town did meet Together at a place never before that Time used for that purpose in a Tumultuous manner to the Number of about Eight persons to vote upon Sundry Articles and things in the notification herewith Exhibited, mentioned, by means of all which proceedings the utmost disorder and Confussion is introduced into ye s^d^ Town, and the most unhappy Consequences are reasonably Expected to take place, wherefore your Petitioners (being a major Part of the Inhabitants freeholders and others Legally Qualified to Vote in Town meetings) humbly pray your Honors to take this our Petition into your wise Consideration and to a point some Legal method for calling a meeting of ye Inhabitants of s^d^ Town as soon as may be in order to transact ye necessary buisness of ye Town and restore peace and Harmony amongst the Inhabitants or otherways to

Grant us releif as to your Honors shall seem fit, and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall Ever pray

Stoddard June 18, 1776.

John Dutton	William Dutton	Ephraim Adams
Jonathan Bennett	Joseph Dodge	John N mther
Oliver Parker	Benoni Boynton	Timothy Mather
Reuben Walton	Isaac Kenney	Richard Emerson
Asa Adams	Daniel Kenney	Zach[r] Adams
John Joyner	Moses Kenney	Thomas Adams
Joel Gilson	Samuel Parks	
Moses Bennett	Ebenezer Wright	

[In H. of Rep., September 19, 1776, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[10-80] [*Summons to Oliver Parker, 1776.*]

Stoddard may y[e] 22[d] 1776—

To oliver Parker—you are hereby required to appear att the Dwelling house of m[r] John Tennys in Stoddrad afore S[d] on Wednesday the fifth Day of June next at Ten oClock fore noon then and their to make answer to a Complant Brought to us against you wherein you appear inimical to america in a number of alegations fail not of apperence at your peril—as your neglect will be faithfully reported to the Commitee of Safty for the Colony of Newhampshire given under our hands at Stoddrd afore Said—

Alexander Scott
Nathaniel Emerson } Commitee of Safty for Stoddard
Amos Butterfield

[10-83] [*Proceedings of the Town Committee of Safety, 1776.*]

att a meeting of the Commitees of Safty for the Towns of Stoddard Camden and marlow met at the house of m[r] John Tenneys on the fifth Day of June 1776 to hear and Examine into a Complaint Brought to us against one oliver Parker of Stoddard—setting forth the S[d] parker to be inimical to america and its Liberties Proceed and Chose m[r] Sam[ll] Gustin Chairman—

The inclosed Complaint is the same that was Brought to us, and has ben fully suported and prov[d]—

upon which we Came to the following resolution viz—

1st it is the opinion of the Committees that ye sd parker is notoriously Disaffected to the american Cause—

2ly it is the opinion of the Commitees that the Sd parker is so notoriously Disaffectd that he the Sd parker be Emedeately Disarmd from all instruments of war—

3ly that the Sd parker be Confind to the Lot of Land his house stands on on the penalty of being Sent to the Common goal of the County of Cheshire—or find good Bonds to the Sattisfaction of the Commitee of Safty in the Town of Stoddard

4ly all persons are forbid to have any Deleaings with ye Sd parker on ye penalty of being Considerd enimies to america—

And furthermore while we ware setting a Complaint was brought to us by mr Nathaniel Emerson of Stoddard against the sd Parker setting forth that the sd Parker filloniously brock down his ye sd Emersons fence and has continud to do it for some days and turns his Cattle into his improvements—and a Citation was sent to the sd Parker to appear and defend ye same, but he payd no regard at all to the Summons but difies all authority to bring him to Justice (meaning yc Committee of Safety)—John Nois mather—Joel Gilson—Zachr adams—Eli adams—and william Dutton all of Stoddard was Summond to appear as Evidences in the above Cause but refused to appear and seamd to appear as abetters of the sd Parker by their denieing the authority of the Committee—Treating ye Committee with scurulous Language

By Order of the Several Committees

Attest Samll Gustin Chairman

Stoddard june ye 5th 1776

Stoddard June ye 5th 1776

Att a meeting of the Committees of Safety of Stoddard and marlow and Camden, met to try a cause dependg between oliver Parker a reputed Tore, and the Liberty of America—ye said Parker being sited to appear on this Day, but defyes ye authority of the Committee of Safety—and dos not appear—

[A part of the evidence brought against said Parker was the following, which he acknowledged to have written to Mr. Boynton:

"A Receipt to make a Whig—Take of conspiracy and the root of pride three handfulls two of ambition and vain glory, pound them in the mortar of faction and discord, boil it in 2 quarts of dissembling tears and a little New England Rum over the fire of Sedition till you find the scum of folly wood to rise on the top, then strain it through the cloths of Rebillion, put it into the bottle of envy, stop it with the

cork of malice, then make it into pills called Conspiracy of which take nine when going to bed say over your hypocritical prayer, and curse your honest neighbor in your bed chamber and then go to sleep if you can, it will have so good an effect that all the next day you will be thinking how to cozzen cheat lie and get drunk abuse the ministers of the Gospel, cut the throats of all honest men and plunder the Nation."

Parker was committed to jail in Exeter, Nov. 2, 1778, and was under bonds not to go out of Cheshire county in 1782. —Ed.]

[10-81] [*Petition of Oliver Parker: addressed to the Committee of Safety, 1776.*]

Humbly sheweth Oliver Parker of Stoddard in the County of Cheshire in s^d^ Colony that he was upon ye 5th day of June Current by Order of Certain Committees directed to be disarmed, and not to go from his Lot of Land on which he Lives, upon ye penalty of being Committed to ye County Goal, and by s^d^ Committees deemed an Enemy to his Country, your petitoner avers and declares that s^d^ Committees had not ye least proof of his being inimical to his Country, but that they proceeded to act as they did with regard to him merely upon malice, and that he openly Challenges any person or persons whomsoever to prove the least thing against him with respect to his being in any way or manner disaffected to the Cause of Liberty, wherefore he prays your Honers to point out some reasonable and just method for him to make his Innocence in ye premises manefest, and to be Liberated from ye unjust decree of s^d^ Committees—

June 18 1776 Oliver Parker

[10-84] [*Sundry Inhabitants relative to foregoing: addressed to the Committee of Safety, 1776.*]

The Petition and Remonstrance of the Subscribers Inhabitants of Stoddard in s^d^ Colony sheweth, that We have for a Number of years been acquainted with Capt Oliver Parker of Stoddard afores^d^ and have Especially since ye Unhappy War commenced bewixt Great Britain and the Colonys been personally Knowing to his Good disposition In the Cause of Liberty and that he has done his part as an Individual towards ye support of ye War and on Every Occasion as a military officer

obeyed orders and done what was required of him, notwithstanding which he was Lately summoned to appear before Certain Committees to answer a Complaint again him as an Enemy to America, and without letting him Know what ye Complaint was or to what he was to answer to they proceeded to confine him to that Lot of Land his house stands upon, and to order that no persons deal with him on pain of being deemed Enemies to their Country, now as your petitioners are certain that there was no Grounds to found this resolution upon, but that mere malice and falshood directed ye whole proceedings, they pray that your Honors would reverse ye afores^d^ unjust decree or by some means let ye matter be fairly and impartially determined.

Stoddard June 18 1776

John Dutton	William Dutton	Samuel Parks
Jonathan Bennett	John Joyner	Ebenezer Wright
Reuben Walton	Asa Adams	John N Mather
Moses Kenney	Moses Bennett	Timothy mather
Benoni Boynton	Joseph Dodge	Richard Emerson
Thomas Adams	Isaac Kenney	Zachariah Adams
Joel Gilson	Daniel Kenney	Isaac Barit

[10-85] [*Relative to a disputed Line: addressed to the General Assembly, 1776.*]

The Humble prayer and petition of the Select men of Marlow and Stoddard, met to agree on some method to proceed in relating to a Contested Strip of Land claimed by both Towns—Came to the following agreement: viz: We humbly pray the General Assembly would give us their advice in this Difficult matter and during the Dispute between Britain and the Colonies that is Wheather Stoddard shall Tax to their Western Bound called the patent or Curve Line—or Wheather marlow shall Tax to their Eastern Bound—or so far East as to in Clude all that first settled under their Charter for as we Expect to pay Taxes with the rest of our Breathern so Each Town claiming a right to Tax a few famileys will soon create Confutions and Divitions which we would by all means indevour to avoide, praying att the same time that the words (every person) might be Left out in their answer if they are pleased to give one—as was incerted in their former answer for as We apprehend will give no Satisfaction—for this reason—one man will say he is under Stoddard when he is under marlow—and another will say he is under marlow when he is under Stoddard—so we pray that the advice may Set some Bound for to gide us in this matter—that thereby we may Shun the Difficulty that has sub-

sisted between the said Towns for some years past—and as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray—

Dated att Stoddard may ye 24th 1776—

Stephen Gee, Nicodemus Miller, Abisha Tubs } Select men of marlow

Alexander Scott, Nathaniel Emerson } Select men of Stoddard

[10–87] [*Petition of Inhabitants living on the disputed Land, 1776.*]

To the Honourable Counsel and House of Represntives for the State of New Hampshire—

We your Humble purticioners Beg Leave to Inform your Honours that we are in Great Dificulty by Reason of being taxed to two Towns Viz Stoddard and Marlow Altho we be Long to Stoddard and Live East of the Patten Line yet the Town of Marlow has taxed us a Considerable Number of years we Humbly beg your Honours to take the matter into Consideration and order where we shall pay our taxes for we are not able to pay to two Towns as we your Humble Purtitioners In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

John N mather
Ebenezer Farley
Stephen Twitchel
Ephraim Brockway
Dan Brockway
Timothy Mather
Isaac Barritt

[10–92] [*Relative to the disputed Line: addressed to the General Assembly, March, 1777.*]

Humbly Shew—

The Subscribers Freeholders & Inhabitants of Stoddard in the County of Cheshire in said State—

That your petitioners with Others entered into & upon a Certain Tract or parcel of land bounded Westerly on the Patent Line, so called, Easterly on the Society land, so called, and northerly on Monadnock Number Eight and southerly on Monadnock Number Six of the Contents of about Six Miles Square called Monadnock Number Seven—

That in November 1774, the said Inhabitants prefer'd a petition to the then Governor and Council of said province, setting forth among other things, their Situation, and praying that the

said lands might be Erected into a Township, and the Inhabitants thereof Incorporated into a Body Politick, to have Continuance and succession forever—which petition was Granted, and Letters Patent in due Form accordingly passed—

That in the Year last passed the Selectmen of the Towns of Marlow and Stoddard *Unknown to your Petitioners* Applied to the General Assembly for Advice and Directions Touching the Taxation of a Number of your petitioners who they said were settled under the Late Kings Grant of Marlow—That the order made in Consequence thereof Very Sensibly Affects them and is likely to create Great uneasiness which is the *Bane* of New Settlements—

That as your petitioners are settled within the undoubted Limits of Stoddard aforesaid they are *unwilling* to be taxed Else where and the Application aforesaid to the Late General Assembly was premature;—That the Right to the Soil your petitioners are Willing to Contest with any person at Common Law—

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that Your Honours would not hold them to pay taxes to the Town of Marlow where they do not belong—(and as they are within a Town Corporate are under the Regulations of Law). That your Honours would not Interfere in their Title nor do anything that may seem to Affect the same; your petitioners pray—

Oliver Parker	John Joyner	Salvenus Beckwith
John Dutton	Samuel Parks	Benjamin ——
Jonathan Bennett	William Dutton	Joseph Dodge Jr
Joel Gilson	Isaac Kenney	Joseph Dodge
Daniel Kenney	Richard Emerson	Elijah Morse
Moses Bennett	Asa Adams	Joseph O Taylor
Zachriah Adams	Benoni Boynton	Isaac Barit
Th^{os} Adams	Amos Taylor	Eph^{m} Adams
Reuben walton	John N mather	
Moses Kenney	Timothy mather	

[10-91] [*Action of the Legislature.*]

In the House of Representatives March 21st 1777—

The Committee of both Houses on the petitions of Marlow and Stoddard made report that it is their Opinion that the Inhabitants living on the Lands in dispute between the Towns of Marlow and Stoddard do abide by the Resolve made by the General Court of this State on the 12 Day of June 1776, respecting Taxation until the matter in dispute be settled by Law or Agreement as therein mentioned—but that the said Inhabitants do Military Duty in the Town of Stoddard as has been

usual, signed Nich° Gilman Chairman which Report being read and Considered, Voted that the same be received and accepted and that the said Inhabitants govern themselves according.

Sent up for concurrence

John Dudley Speak^r p temp^r

In Council the Same Day read and concurred

E Thompson Secy

[The result was in favor of Stoddard, their claim to all territory as far west as the curve line of Mason's patent being allowed, thus taking portions of the towns of Marlow and Gilsum.—Ed.]

[10–88] [*Relative to an alleged illegal Town-Meeting.*]

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Stoddard Being Desirous of peace and unity—att all Times. But more Especially in these Days of Trouble and rebuke—When not only those who formerly Stiled them Selves our Parents. But our own Domestics are Levying war against us—and using all means to Bring us into and keep us in Divitions—which we would use all Lawfull means to put a Stop to, and to Cultivate good order and harmony among us and as authority is allways the only means whereby any part of the Community. when Greav^d Can Lawfully have Redress—

We therefore Humbly pray the Honble General assembley for the Colony of New Hampshire, Would be Graciously pleased to Condecend to give us ye inhabitants of poor pensive Stoddard their advice—in Regard to our annual march meeting—held in this Town the 28th Day of march Last past—the people being Legally Warned and met—the Votes Ware Called for—for a moderator—a motion Was made—Wheather it would not be Best and Quicker to Chuse him by nominating and Lifting up ye hand—the Question was accordingly put by one of the former Select men—past in the affermitive—and no objection made—after ye moderator was Chose—a nother motion was made to have all ye oather Town officers Chose by nominating and Lifting up the hand—ye moderator accordingly put ye Question and it past in the affermitive—and no objection made in ye Least—and if there is any Law how to Chuse Town officers We Look upon this way to be ye Law—and if there is no Law we think the Town has a right (and it is necessary) to Say how they will proceed for that year or for that meeting—but we went on and Chose all our Town officers in peace Without any objection and after ye Choice of all ye officers was made —there Came on a Despute about a publick meeting house

Spot—now there has been a Divition about ye meeting house ever Senee ye Town was Settled and when ever there was any thing to be acted upon Concerning a meeting house—a Quaril insued—and So it was now. nothing Done but Disputing and hard words—a motion was made to have that article Dismised or ye meeting adjorned—but Could not be obtained—ye moderator Calling on them to proceed and Do business or he would adjorn ye meeting—Which after a While more Spent in Talk and Nothing Done. ye moderator Declair^d^ ye meeting Stand adjorn^d^ to the Second Day of may next—and no Sort of objection made all rested in peace till S^d^ 2^d^ Day of may—ye Select men being Sworn—and had Taken ye List or Valuation of the Town and now there is a party risen up against the meeting Saing it is invailed and on this reason that ye officers ware voted in by nominating and Denies. all ye authority of Town officers oliver parker a Common Tore being ye ring Leeder—and We Supose about fourteen or fifteen have Sent to ye General Cort to have ye Said meeting Disanul^d^ and Void—But we pray ye Sd meeting may Stand good for many reasons—as ye Town has proceed in their public Business in many instances—and it Would put ye Town into ye utmost Confution to have ye meeting put by and as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray for your advice we are your Humble Constituants—

Alexander Scott	Abram morrison	John Farley
Silas Wright	David Scott	Amos Taylor
John Robbe	Nathaniel Emerson	David Willson
Caleb Wright	James Scott	Allan Speir
David Robbe	Richard Richardson	John Taggard
John McDonald	Robart Prockter	Ephraim Brockway
Isaac Temple	Thoms Adams	Robert Blood
John Jackson	Abel adams	Silvanus Bikwith
Amos Butterfild	James Willson	John Tenny

[R. 4–17] [*John Robbe, wounded Soldier, 1778.*]

Peterborough Jany 1, 1778.

May it please your Honors

Permit me to address you in behalf of Sarg^t^ John Robbe of Stoddard, in the County of Cheshire, and State Aforesaid, the said Robbe being in the Engagement at Benningtown, under my Command, was there much Wounded & Disabled from Getting his Future Support beg Leave to Recommend the said

Robbe to the Favour of the said state as your Honors in your Wisdom shall think fitt—am with due Respect

your Honors most Hum^{l} Ser^{t}

John Stark, B D G

To the Hon'ble Council & Assembly for the State of New Hampshire—

[John Robbe appealed to the inhabitants of Stoddard Jan. 28, 1778, to ask the legislature for assistance, which they voted to do at a meeting Feb. 2, 1778. They also by vote recommended Mr. Robbe very highly. In H. of Rep., May 23, 1778, voted that said Robbe was entitled to half pay and £30 for extra expenses.—Ed.]

[R. 4–23]

State of New Hampshire May 23^{d} 1778

To Gilman Esqr R. G. Pursuant to a Vote of Council & Assembly pay Joth^{n} Blanchard for John Robb Six pounds towards s^{d} Robb^{s} Expences in being cured of a wound r^{d} at Bennington—

M Weare Prest

[R. 4–24] [*Richard Richardson, Soldier, 1782.*]

[In a petition dated Stoddard, Nov. 5, 1782, Richard Richardson stated that he "was out in the service of his country in the first three years' service in the present war." He further stated that he was paid in state notes, and held one for £43.18, and one for $73, which he wanted paid.—Ed.]

[R. 4–26] [*Soldier's Order, 1784.*]

Stoddard May 25th y^{e} 1784

To the State Treasury of New Hampshire pleas to Pay Mr Jacob Copling the ballance Due to me for the year 1781 and his Receipt on the back of this order Shall be your discharge from me you will find my name in Capt Caleb Robinsons muster roles

Josiah Hardy

[10–93] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Stoddard December ye 3^d^ 1783 then apeerd Isreal towns Ephraim Adams and James Scott Selectmen of Sd Stoddard and made Solem oath that att present there is in ye town of S^d^ Stoddard one hundred and four Ratebel

Before me J Rounsevel Just pece.

[10–94] [*Relative to the formation of Sullivan, 1786.*]

Stoddard Decr 4th 1786

at a legal meeting this day

Voted not to oppose the southwest corner of this Town being set off to Keen, Packerfield, Gillsom &c

Attest: Eleaz^r^ Blake T: Clerk—

[10–95]

Stoddard Novm^r^ 10th 1786

This may ceertify, to whom it may Concern—that we the Subscribers—have receiv'd of Mr Ezra Osgood a Petition Sent to the General Court by a number of the Inhabitants of the Souwest Part of Stoddard

Ward Eddy } Select men
Peter Wright } of Stoddard

[The south-west part of the town was set off Sept. 27, 1787, combined with portions of Keene, Gilsum, and Nelson, and incorporated into the town of Sullivan.—Ed.]

[10–97] [*Petition for Authority to levy a Special Tax to build a Meeting House and repair Roads, 1787.*]

The Memorial of your Petitioners Humbly Sheweth that: being Chosen a Committee by The Town of Stoddard, to Petition the General Court that a Tax of one penny p^r^ Acre Annually be laid on all the Lands in said Stoddard for three Years: to be Appropriated Towards Building a Meeting House and repairing the Publick Roads Leading from Hancock to Marlow: likewise from John Taggards to Washington line: Also from Israel Townses Esqr. to Packerfield line, the leading Road to

Keen—The first third part of Said tax to be Asses'd in the Year 1788—

Your Humble Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray—

May 21th Anno Domini: 1787

Israel Towne
Ephraim Adams } Committee
Jacob Copland

[This petition was granted Sept. 27, 1787.—Ed.]

[10–99] [*Committee to locate a Meeting-House, 1787.*]

Your humble pertisioners Beg leave to inform Your honours that the Town has Laboured under Dificalty for a Number of preceeding Years In reguard to agreeing upon a Meeting house Spot. at a Leagal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Stoddard Quallified to Vote in Town meeting Leagally warned and met for the following purpose (Viz)

Voted to Chose a Committee finally to Determine where the Meeting house Shall be arected in this Town and for the Same purpose Nominated Esqr Penniman of washington and Saml Griffen Esqr of Packerfied. Likewise mr John Muzzey of Dublin we Your humble pertisioners pray That the above said Committee may be appointed & Impowered according To the afour Said Vote and we Your humble pertisioners as In Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Peter Wright } Selectmen in
Israel Towne } behalf of the Town

Stoddard September 8th 1787

[10–98] [*Their Report.*]

We Your Committee Within Named haveing Repaired to the Town of Stoddard, and Viewed the Situation of Said Town, & the Inhabitants thereof beg leave to report that it is our opinion that the Meetinghouse there to be erected, be placed on the fifteenth Lot in the Ninth Range upon a Tract of land Given to ye Town of Stodard by John Tenney for a Meetinghouse Spot burying Yard &c aud We have Erected a Stake and Stones upon sd Common for ye Bounds of Said Meetinghouse

pr Thos Penniman for ye Committe

octor ye 31d 1787

[10–101] [*Petition for Authority to levy a Tax on Non-Resident Lands, to build a Road, 1794.*]

A Petition in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Stoddard in Said State Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners are Situate on the Hight of land Betwixt the great Rivers Connecticut and Miremac where the land is very Mountanious and Rocky: which Causes our Roads to be Extremely Deficualt to make & Repair the Same: And whereas the Committee appointed to lay a Road from Hales Bridge in Walpole to Macgregores Bridge in Gofestown: Hath laid out anew Road through the Said Town of Stodard which will be of Great Utility to the Public if opned and made Passable: But will lay an unsuportable Burthen on the Inhabitants in Said Town: as it passes through a large tract of unimproved land owned by Nonresidents and Remmote from the Settlement: which will Raise the Value of the land through which it Passes: and it appearing Reasonable that the owners of Said land Should assist in Oppening and Making passable the Same: and the like privildges Being granted to other Towns in Semmeril Situation: We your Petitioners Humbly pray your Honnours to take our Case under your wise Consideration and grant that an Act may pass impowering the Said Town of Stodard to lay a tax of two pence p^{r} acre on all the land in Said town for the Sole Purpose of Making Passable the Roads and Bridges in Said Stoddard: And your petitioner as in Duty Bound will Pray Natha^{ll} Emerson

Janury 1 1794

[Granted June 11, 1794.—Ed.]

[10–102] [*Relative to the Disputed Line between this Town and Marlow, 1798.*]

The Petition of us the subscribers Humbly shews that the General Court at their session in June A D 1797 set off the south East Part of Marlow under the Jurisdiction of the Town of Stoddard, And we Your Petitioners living on s^{d} Land being fully pursuaded that thair Honours would not have subjected us to so unreasonable a burthen had thay known our situation & the true circumstances we are under the one part setling under Marlow have been at Great Expence to defend our persons & Properties from the unjust demands made & Extorted from us by the Town of Stoddard and the other part being made to believe by the Unrighteous pursuasions of Stod-

dard Proprietors that the Lands were theirs and thereupon we purchased of them at A Very dear rate, which took at that time of many of us all our properties And after living many Years in this Rough wilderness have been at the expence of every thing but life, And now we find that marlow holds their Right of soil it being decided by Law And those of us that Purchased of Stoddard have to Purchase our Lands over Again at A great price & have been subjected to A Large bill of cost in Disputing the title & the Town of stoddard Refusing to pay any Part of s^{d} expence and we being fully sensible that stoddard cannot have any Accurate survey or knowledge of those lands Layed out under Marlow And that Stoddard & Marlow both Claim the Jurisdiction to part of s^{d} Land on Account of their being two Curve Lines which will keep the Inhabitants in Vexetion & confusion. And being fully sensible that it will be for the Good & peace of us the Inhabitants to contiuue as we Really were within the Jurisdiction of Marlow And being fully sencible that stoddard left off two Ranges of their lots on their East line to Extend to the west on Marlow as the Proprietors of stoddard by that Conduct thought to git about nine or ten of Marlow setlers to count for Stoddard in order to fulfill their Charter which we flatter ourselves will not be Justified, And Stoddard will be a much larger Town without any part of Marlow than Marlow will be they holding the whole within their Charter, And therefore on every principal of right, And for ourselves And offspring to injoy any degree of comfort we think it our duty to humbly pray your Honours to Repeal the foregoing Act And let us remain in and under the Jurisdiction of Marlow As your Petitioners in duty bound shall ever pray

November 7th 1798

Aaron Matson	Timothy Bailey	Ephraim Brockway
Ebenezer Blake	Ziba Henry	Jur
Saml Messinger	Bani Henry	Joseph Brockway
John Henery J^{r}	Nathen ——	Isaac Barritt
Nathaniel Gilson	Ephraim Brockway	Jesse Farley

[10–103] [*Another Document relative to the Disputed Line, 1796.*]

The Petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Stoddard states that in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty-Three the Town of Stoddard was Granted to Sampson Stoddard and others by the Masonian Proprietors and was bounded westward upon the head line of Masonian patent; that in the year Anno Domini 1773 they received their Charter of incorporation

from his excellency Benning Wentworth Esq[r] which gave the Town of Stoddard jurisdiction over a certain tract of land seven miles square lying east of said Patent or head line—that in the year Anno Domini 1762 the Town of Marlo was granted and incorporated which Grant intersected the Town of Stoddards Grant nearly Two miles whereby each Town had concurrent jurisdiction over the same territory—and thereupon application was made to the provincial assembly of New Hampshire to settle the Jurisdictional line between said Towns—And said assembly in the year A D 1776 resolved that said inhabitants should pay their taxes to the Town of Marlo but should do military duty in the Town of Stoddard—That in the year A D 1777 application being made to the General assembly a second time to settle the aforesaid dispute they recommended by a special resolve mentioning the Town of Washington and all other Towns in similar circumstances (of which Stoddard was one) that the inhabitants living on said strip or disputed Grant should pay their taxes to the Towns lying east of the head line of Masons patent untill the same should be further settled and established by law—That in the year A D 1784 The Town of Marlo petitioned the General assembly for an abatement of their taxes in consequence of the resolve of the General assembly which passed in the year 1777—upon which petition the General assembly then resolved that the Town of Marlo be abated one fourth part of all their taxes from the year A D 1777 to the year 1784—and the Town of Marlo have ever since that period relinquished all jurisdiction to the same land and have ever since omitted and refused to make return of the same in their valuation—That the same has been uniformly since the year A D 1777 returned by the Town of Stoddard and set to their valuation—That large sums of money have been assessed since that period upon the inhabitants living thereon, and many lots of land there lying have been sold by the Collectors of Stoddard at publick vendue for the non-payment of taxes assessed thereon—In the year A D 1792 the Original Proprietors of Marlo finding that the Masonian Proprietors had extended their bounds upwards of twenty miles farther westward than their original grant warranted—and intending to avail themselves if possible of the invalidity of the act which passed the General assembly in the year 1777—giving jurisdiction to Stoddard—Commenced Two actions of ejectment to recover possession of those lands which were sold at vendue by the collectors of Stoddard—and upon which lands the Proprietors of Marlo had paid no taxes for upwards of twenty-five years—In which actions the Original Proprietors of Marlo recovered possession against the vendue purchasers under Stoddard in consequence of a defect in the act which passed in the

year 1777 giving jurisdiction to the Town of Stoddard—We therefore pray this Honorable Court to take into their wise consideration the circumstances and situation of the Town of Stoddard and if legal and constitutional to establish and confirm the doings of the Selectmen of Stoddard and ratify the assessments which have hitherto been made—And also to settle the Jurisdictional line between said Two Towns and give the Jurisdiction of the strip so-called to the Town of Stoddard if consistent with the Interest and happiness of both Towns—And also to settle the Jurisdictional line between Gilsom and Stoddard

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Stoddard Decr 6th A D 1796

Jacob Copeland Agent for Stoddard

[The line was established in favor of Stoddard June 16, 1797.—Ed.]

STRATFORD.

The township was granted May 26, 1773, to Joshua Wentworth and others, in seventy-one shares, and contained about 48,000 acres. It was incorporated November 16, 1779, by the same name and bounds as expressed in the charter. Settlements were made soon after the town was granted, by Isaac Johnson, Archippus Blodgett, and others. The population of the town in September, 1775, numbered 41, and in 1790 but 146. By an act approved June 21, 1832, the territory embraced in ranges 17, 18, 19, and 20, in the south-east part of the town, were set off and annexed to Percy (Stark).

[10–104] [*Statement of the Condition of Matters, Taxes, etc.: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford—humbly shews

That your petitioners, now & ever willing to do our just part toward the Common defence of our Country as far as we are able beg leave to show our inability to pay the State tax we are now called upon for & pray that we may be heard and Considered under our present circumstances of distress—& which we

have laboured under ever Since we came into this Wilderness —We began to Settle in the Year 1773 & there are now but Seven families in the town—We have lived destitute of any Assistance from the rest of the Propriety who were to make equal and imediate Settlement with us & to build Mills which they have Neglected to do—by which we have Suffered greatly—Our Grain has cost one half its value to get it ground into Meal ever Since we have been here—the Cost of getting Salt & other Necessaries owing to the distance & badness of the Roads have been equally distressing—our proprietary Meeting was Adjourned to Connecticut & held there So that we have not the priviledge of Acting as a propriety and we are not incorporated as other towns are—we are destitute of every previledge—our money is spent, our Families are naked—provisions are very Scarce by reason of the Inhabitants moving off for fear of the Enemy leaving all our Crops & we were obliged to part with our Oxen & Cows to get back again—We are a frontier town—exposed to the enemy & without the Means of defence—We therefore pray that we may be considered in our Taxes & that we may be admitted to the preveledges of Incorporation—And your petitioners will ever pray—&c—

Archippus Blodget
Joshua Lambkin
James Curtis
James Brown
John Smith
Joseph Barlow
John Holbrook

[10–105] [*Petition for an Abatement and for Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1778.*]

We your humbel proticeners do pleade for an abatement of taxes Praying that the Court would consider us under our present distressed Curcumstances and wich we have laboured under Ever sence we came into this howling wilderness we Shall now proceed to Show forth what we have Indured Ever Sence we began to Settel this town which in the yeare AD 1773 and now thare is but Seven familys in the town only and we have lived destitute of aney asistance from the rest of the Propity which ware to make emediate Settelment and bould miles which is all neglected by which means we have Suffered very much on wheat has Cost us the one half of it to get it ground ever Sence we have lived heare oure proprity meting was ajurned to Connecticut and held thare so that we have not had the privelige of acting as a proprity in the town when the town was last Chartered out the Publect rites ware taking away so that we live destitute of aney privelige booth Sivel or Sacred oure money is Spent oure famelys are naked and provision is

very scars by reson of the pepol moving of for feire the Enemy we lost all our Crops and was Obliged to part with our oxan and cows to get bak agane and we are exposed to the Enemy with out aney protection and are in a poore sitawation to defend oure Selves we are the fruntear as the Pepol is all with drew from above us we desire that the Court would incorporate us and give us Proper athority

Stratford May ye 15/1778

Archippus Blogget
Joshua Lamkin
James Curtiss
James Brown

John Smith
Joseph Barlow
John Holbrooks

Mens Names	N° Poles	N° oxen	N° cows	N° 3 year old	N° 2 year old	N° 1 year old	N° horses	N° Tiligeland	N° mowing land
John Holbrooks	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
Archippus Blogget	3	2	3	0	1	2	1	7	4
James Brown	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	2
James Curtiss	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	6	2
Joshua Lamkin	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	5	5
Joseph Barlow	2	2	2	3	1	0	2	8	2
John Smith	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	0
Sum Totel	10	8	11	3	4	2	7	40	13

The above Inventory Taken April ye 28/1777 by us the Subscribers

Being apinted a Comitte for that Porpose

Archippus Blogget
James Brown
John Holbrook

[The town was incorporated November 16, 1779.—Ed.]

[10–106] [*Relative to an Attack by French and Indians: addressed to the Council and H. of Rep., 1779.*]

The Memorial of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the Towns, of Lanchaster Northumberland & Stratford humbly Sheweth. that on Thursday the 24th Ins^t^ June A party of Indians aboute fifteen

in Number Commanded by A French man, came into Stratford took two Prisners Plunderd two Families of every thing Valuable which they had, we humbly pray that your Honor^{s} would take the matter into your Sereous Consideration^{s} and provide such Assistance for our future Security, from those Barbarous Savages, as your Wisdom shall Direct and your Memorialists as in duty Bound shall Ever Pray.—

Lanchaster 27th June 1779

Joseph Peverly	Ward Bailey
Thomas Peverly	Caleb marshall
Daniel Spaldin	Emmens Stockwell
Nathan Caswell	moses Page
Dill Sawyer	Jonas Wilder
Enoch Hall	Edw^{ds} Bucknam

[10–107] [*Petition for a Guard, 1780.*]

The Pettition of us the Subscribers humbly Sheweth That our Exposed Situation to the Enemy in Canada and having the Last Summer Suffered from that Quarter by having our houses Plundered and Sum of our men Captivated by the Indeans and hearing of their threatning to Come to this River this winter Give us apprehension of imeadeate Danger therefore we Pray your Hon^{rs} to take our Case into your wise Consideration and Relieve our Present fears by Sending of us help Either by Sending a Draught of the millitia or that your Hon^{s} would wright to Some General oficer for a Detachment of Continantal Soldeirs we Supose about 100 men might be a Suficent Number at Present and your Pettitioners Shall Ever Pray

Stratford Jan^{r} 21st 1780

James Brown	Joseph Barlow
Archippus Blogget	John Gamsby
John Smith	Nathan Barlow
Joshua Lamkin	David Hix

[10–108] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State Newhamp^{r}

a True and Exact Number of Poles in Stratford twenty one Years and upward Paying a Pole Tax are thirteen taken this 2^{d} Decr 1783

Joshua Lamkin
John Holbrook

[Sworn to before Jeremiah Eames, justice of the peace.]

[R. 4–27] [*Soldier's Order.*]

To the Treasurer of the State of Newhampshire

Please to Pay the Whole of the wages Due to me as a Soldier in Major Benjamin Whitcomb Choir of Rangers with the Deprecition to Major Benjamin Whitcomb and his Receipt Shall be a full Discharge for the Same

Stratford 9th Janr—.

pr me Josiah Blogget

[R. 4–28] [*Relative to two redeemed Captives.*]

July the 19th 1781 oure friend Indions brought in Prisoners of our men which Desarted from Canady which Sd Indians found in the woods and brought in which Sd Prisoners Promised to Pay Sd Indions 30 Dollors a Pece which Prisoners was not able to Pay and one Elijah Blogget Paid the Sd Sum to Sd Indians for the Redemtion of Gilberd Borged & Josiah Blogget which was 60 Dollors

Stratford January ye 17th 1785

Joshua Lamkin } Selectmen
Archippus Blogget }

Partisienor Elijah Blogget

[R. 4–29] [*Soldier's Order.*]

To the Honble Treasure of the State of New-hampshire

Please to Pay the whole wages and Depreciation Due to Thomas Blodget late a Soldier in Major Benjamin Whitcombs Choir of Rangers to the Said Whitcomb who is hereby authorized to give a full Discharge for the Same

Josiah Blodget	Levi Blodget
Elijah Blodget	Henry Blodget
Mary Cole	Nucomb Blodget
Howard Blodget	

Stratford 13 of July 1792

This May Certify that the above Named are all the hairs of the above named Thomas Blodget

Certifyed by us

Isaac Johnson } Seelect
James Brown } men

[10–109] [*Relative to Burnside's Ferry, 1786.*]

We Jeremiah Eames & Joseph Peverly Select men of Northumberland—& Joshua Lamkin Selectman & James Brown Town Clerk of Stratford, Certify that we have been notified that a Petition was presented or about to be presented to the General Court for a Ferry to be granted to Thomas Burnside to begin at the Ferry bounds of Edwards Bucknam One mile above the Great falls at Northumberland to extend Six Miles up from Said Bounds, on the River Connecticut taking in the Mouth of Ammanoosook River & one Mile up the Same.—And that We know the inhabitants of Said Towns & every one travelling that way will be greatly reliev'd by a ferry being kept there—And we further Certify that We are of Opinian No person in either of those Towns or in the State would Object thereto as no one would be injured thereby but every person in that quarter & all travellers there greatly benefited

Jo^{s} Peverly
Jer^{h} Eames
James Brown
Joshua Lamkin

February 1786—

[10–110] [*Petition for a new County: addressed to the General Court, 1791.*]

The Petition of the Inhabitents of Stratford
Humbly Sheweth—

Thet your Petitioners Live at the Distance of Near Seventy Miles from the Nearest Shire Town in the County—

That A very Considerable Part of the inhabitants of this Capital part of the County Live Above us and Are under Simmerler Circumstancees with us That the Roads at Some Seasons of the year unpasable—Wharfore We your Peticioners Pray That We may be Set of from the County of Grafton and be made a New County by A Lyne Drawn from Connecticut River between the towns of Concord alius Gunthwait and Littleton and an Eastward takeing in the towns of Conway Eaton &c to the Province Line So Called and yours in Deuty Bound will Ever Pray

Stratford Novr 21st 1791

John Gamsby	Joseph Holbrook	Aran Curtiss
James Brown	Junr	Wm Curtiss
George Gamsby	Elijah Hinman	James Curtiss
John Gamsby Ju^{r}	Joseph Barlow	Henry Bloggett

Charles Strong	Nathan Barlow	Howard Bloget
Benj[a] Strong	Ephraim Barlow	Elijah Blogget
Andrew Strong	Heth Baldwin	Josiah Blgget
Jabez Baldwin	John Smith	Joshua Lamkin
Isaac Johnson	Davd Holdbrook	Ezra Lamkin
Elisha Webster	Richard Holdbrook	Thomas Lamkin
Hezekiah fuller	Stephen Curtiss	Abnor Barlow

[Coös county was constituted by an act approved December 24, 1803.—Ed.]

[10–111] [*Petition for an Abatement of Taxes, etc.: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly Shews—

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford in the County of Grafton, that prior to the commencement of the Late war your Petitioners had began Settlement in Said town of Stratford—which ware then the fronter Settlement in this State and consequently in the time of the war was most exposed to the depredations and ravages of the Enemy, and that at the repeated solicitations of the Inhabitants and the Commanding officer further down Conecticut River they continued at their settlements though in continual Jeoperdy for several years and untill the Enemy came upon them took some of the Inhabitants captive & plundered others which compelled your petitioners to remove to plases where their families might not be exposed to continual danger—That your petitioners ; though verey great sufferers during the continuance of the war have since the conclucion thereof exerted themselves (though in indigent curcumstances) and have returned to their former Settlements where they wish to continue and make such improvements as may be beneficial to themselves and the Public ;—But find themselves under new embarasments occasioned by their poverty and the distance they Live from Inhabitants of wealth and fortune which togather with the expence they have nesesarially ben obliged to be at in building Bridges and a Road threw the town—Renders them quite unable to discharge the Taxes laid on them by Government though well disposed and desireous of doing what is in their power to the support thereof your Petitioners are therefore reduced to the disagreable necessity of Petitioning your Honours to take their unfortunate case under your wise consideration and abate so much of the taxes required of said Town as the present Inhabitants are by Law Subjected to pay

Or in any other way releave them as you in your Great wisdom may See meet—
as your petitioners in duty Bound Shall ever pray
Wm Cargill In behalf of the Petitioners

[10–112] [*Petition for a Grant of Governor's Island: addressed to the General Court, 1794.*]

Humbly Sheweth Benjamin Strong of Stratford in said State, That there is in Connecticutt River a little North of the Memral bow in sd Stratford, an Island containing about forty acres, more or less, which Island is the property of said State, and is so Situated as would well accommodate your Petitioner, and can be of no use to the State while it remains in its present uncultivated State—Wherefore he prays your Honors to Grant to him his Heirs and assigns forever the Sole and exclusive right title and Interest, of said Island, so far as the State has any title thereto; and that sd Island may be enaxed to and be part of Stratford, for such consideration as to Your Honors may appear Just and reasonable, and he as in Duty bound will ever pray—
Benjamin Strong—

Stratford May 25th 1794—

[10–113 is a plan of the aforesaid island, as surveyed by Jeremiah Eames.—Ed.]

STRATHAM.

The territory was a portion of the "Squamscott Patent," granted to Edward Hilton, March 12, 1629. John Farmer says that "In 1693 it was annexed to Exeter, it having before that time been connected with Hampton." In January, 1716, a portion of the inhabitants petitioned to be incorporated into a town; at the same time another and smaller portion petitioned to remain as they were. (See Vol. IX, pp. 778, 779.) The matter was considered in council, March 14, 1715–'16, and it was "Ordered—That Squampscutt Patent Land be a township by the name of Stretham and have full power to Chuse officers as other towns within this Prov.," and, "that a meeting house be built on the Kings great road leading from Greenland to Exeter," and further, "that they be obliged to have a learned Authordox Ministr to

preach in said meeting house within one year from ye date hereof."

The first town-meeting was held on the 10th of April, 1716.

December 18, 1805, the farm of Brackett Weeks was severed from this town, and annexed to Greenland.

The line between Stratham and Newmarket was established by an act approved Dec. 28, 1805, but the act was repealed June 17, 1807. A small piece of land was severed from this town and annexed to Greenland July 2, 1847.

Joseph Grant, of Stratham, was in First N. H. Regiment, enlisted March 5, 1778; discharged Dec. 14, 1780.

Joshua Avery was appointed lieutenant June 23, 1779, in one of the companies raised for the defence of Rhode Island. "Sim^n^ Mason," age 20, was in Capt. Norris's company, Col. Nathan Hale's battalion.

[10-114] [*Petition for a new Grant of Wiggin's Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1742.*]

The Humble petition of Andrew Wiggin jun^r^ of Stretham in the province aforesaid Gent. shews that for many Years past a Ferry has been kept from the Land now belonging to Your peticoner over Exeter River to New Market and a Way left open thro' his Land to come down to the said Ferry Place and a Tavern has been kept in a House belonging to him near the said Ferry place—That Your peticoner understands that the privilege was formerly Granted by the General Court (or othways) for a Term of Years now near Expired and that a petition is now preferrd or about to be preferred to have a Ferry kept a Cross the said River about a Mile Higher up—That Your peticoner humbly Conceives there is the same Reason for keeping the same at the usual place now as there was for fixing it there at first and that this Court will see Cause to Renew the Grant to him and his Heirs and Assigns in Consideration that his Ancestor was at the Charge of opening a way keeping a Boat and hands to tend the same when the profit was Inconsiderable—

That if another Ferry place should be settled so near neither of them would be worth attending and there is no Necessity for it with Respect to Conveniency of Travellers or any other Consideration whatsoever

Wherefore Your peticoner Humbly prays that a new Grant of a Ferry may be made to Your peticoner to be kept at his Landing place where it has been usually, to hold to him his Heirs

and assigns that he may have the sole previlege of keeping it there and that there may none be Established Els'where over the said River that will be prejudicial to him without such an Advantage to the Public as will Counterballance the damage to him and your peticoner as in duty Bound shall ever pray &c

June 9th 1742

Andrew Wiggin jun^{r}

[10-115] [*Warrant for a Meeting relative to settling a Minister, 1744.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

Whereas it is thought propper and very needfull by many if not the Major part of the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, that another Minister may be called and settled in the ministry in said town.

These are therefore to Notifie all the freeholders of the town of Stratham in said province to meet at the meeting house in said Stratham on thursday the twenty sixth day of July Currant at two a Clock in the afternoon, then and there in said Meeting to pass a vote that there shall be a Gospel minister called and settled in said town of Stratham as soon as may be with conveniency and also at said meeting to make Choice of suitable persons for a Committee to call and agree with a minister in order for a settlement in said town of Stratham as above said and to pass any other vote at said Meeting which may be thought propper relating to said affair

Given under our hands at Stratham aforesaid July ye 11th 1744.

John Mead Benj^{a} Norris Noah Barker Thomas Wiggin Bradstreet wiggin	Select men for Stratham

against the warrant & against all the proceedings of this meeting which was in the town of Stratham on July ye 26 day 1774—

all those men whose names are here underwritten dissented in the meeting—

William French Senr	Bradstreet French	Matthew Thomson
	Thomas Veazie Senr	Josiah Smith
William French Junr	Tuften Wiggin	Caleb Rollings
Andrew French	Thomas Wiggin	John Speed
Thomas wiggin Ter^{s}	Moses Keneston	Richd Crocket Junr
John Wiggin Junr	Thomas French	Benj^{a} Cotton

John Lary
John wiggin
Joseph Mason
Nathaniel Right White
Captn George Veazie
Jonathan Dearborn
Samuel wiggin Junr
James Keneston
Satchel Clark
Richard Sinkler
Solomon Cotton
Joseph Jewett
Richard Crocket
Jonathan Chase
Captn Edward Fifield
Ebenezer Foulsom
Daniel Davis
Walter Wiggin
Samuel Piper Junr
David Honeyford
Thomas Moor
David Robinson
Josiah wiggin
Benj^{a} Mason

September the : 15 : 1744

A copy of the warant and of the Desenters by David Robinson Town Clearke

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[10–116] [*Vote relative to Ministerial Affairs, 1747.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

Stratham March the 25 1747

At a Leagul town meeting held thare by the freedhouldrs and inhabitance thare of

Voted that all those petitioners in the town of Stratham who has petitioned the General Court that they may be Exempted from paying any Charges to m^{r} Josep Adams of s^{d} Stratham as minister shall be freed and Exempted from being compelled by s^{d} town of Stratham from paying any charges whatsoever unto the said m^{r} Adams as minister During the Revrd m^{r} Rusts Ministry in said Town

Stratham March the 28 : 1747

A true Coppie by David Robinson : Town Clearke

[10–117] [*Proceedings in Town-Meeting relative to Ministerial Affairs, 1747.*]

Pro : of New Hampshire at a Leagal meeting of the freeholders and Inhabitance of Stratham held at the meeting hous there pursuant to notification at Stretham June ye 15—1747

Voted Andrew wiggin Esquir shall be moderator of this meeting Altho the Reverend m^{r} Joseph Adams is settled a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this town of Stretham according to the Law and Useage of this province by a Clear Vote at a full town meeting held at Stretham Cald for that purpos—and has bin ordained according to the Platform of Church Disaplin agreed on by our fore fathers for a Rule of Church Government agreeable to the Gospel—at the furst seating up Church Gover-

ment in this Land in the year 1648 and he has Cast himself on the Lord Depending on him for what he shall Incline the people to give him for his support—yeat so it is that a nombar of peopel in this town are undar such fear and Jelosey that thay may be brought undar som Charge on the acount of m^r^ Joseph Adams setling here that thay have petitioned the Goverment for Relese that thay and thers may be Exempted now that thay and all the world may know that we the town of Stretham seteled m^r^ Adams purely for Conscience seake that we might Injoy the word and ordinances of Christ with those that pay a dew regard to the wondarfull out powering of Gods Holy Spirit in the Leat Reformation and have no desing to Compel any to pay to the support of our Gospel ministry Therefore Voted that all the said petitioners and there Estates shall be and hereby are Exempted Exonarated and freed from sustaing bearing and paying any part of the Charge that has or shall arise in Calling seteling and supporting the said m^r^ Joseph Adams and building meeting hous for his ministry or hous for himself and Every othar thing or mater releating to him and all that Adhear to m^r^ Joseph Adams his ministry and there Esteats shall be and hereby are aquited Exonarted Exempted and freed from sustaining bearing and paying any part of the Charge that shall or may arise in Calling setteling and supporting any ministor that may be Cald or setteled in this town in the room or stead of the Reverend m^r^ Rust to supply his pleace in the ministry aftar his Deceace or unable to prech or repearing meeting hous or bulding Dweling hous and what soever othar Charge may arise on the town thereby

June the 15, 1747
A true copey of the vote by

David Robinson Town Clearke

[R. 4–30] [*John Leavitt, Jr., Soldier, 1748.*]

Province of New Hampshire—June the 19th 1753

Then John Leavit Junr of Stratham in s^d^ Pro : Made Solemn oath that he in the year 1748 served a Soldier thirty five Days at Barrington under Capt Clemens including the days going there & coming home, and has never had one Penny of the Countrey Wages for said service—

Sworn before Moses Leavit Jus : Peace

[R. 4–31–33, are depositions by the following named persons as to service under Capt. Job Clements, in the same year and at the same place : Moses Thurston, Jr., nineteen

days. Jonathan Chase, five weeks, "and no Rum allowed him," and John Speed, two months, by his son Benjamin.—Ed.]

[R. 4–35] [Moses Dalton, apprentice to Abraham Tilton of Stratham, blacksmith, was in Col. Hart's company, Meserve's regiment, in the Crown Point expedition in 1756. He was allowed £9 for expense of sickness on the way home.—Ed.]

[R. 4–36] [In a petition dated Jan. 29, 1761, Joshua Rawlings (in one place it is spelled Rollins) of Stratham, stated "that two of his sons vizt Elisha Rollins and Nicholas Rollins (being minors) were in his majesties service the year past in Capt. George March's Company and served duly the whole campain:" that they were taken sick at "Canterhook," New York, on the way home, and Elisha died there. He asked for an allowance.—Ed.]

[R. 4–40] [*Petition of William Moore, Jr., Soldier, 1755.*]

The Petition of William Moore Junr of Stratham humbly shews, that your petitioner in the year 1755 Engaged in the service of his King & Country under Col^{o} Blanchard & Continued in the Provincial & Ranging service 'till he was Captivated by the Indians in 1759, during his Captivity which was upward of two years he suffered great hardships besides the Loss of time &c as will appear by a journal herewith Exhibited.

* * * * William Moore Jur.

Stratham June 8th 1762—

[He asked for an allowance, which was granted.—Ed.]

[R. 4–41] [*Statements relative to George March, 1776.*]

Samuel Calley saith that on Sunday morning last Capt Georg March came and called him up and told him that he had good news to tell him that our army was cut up at Canaday and that the Indians had taken 400 of our Soldiers prisoners and killed 20 and then made a great Shout & then said Sullivan was surrounded and by this time they have got them all I hope and

further said he would fight for the King till he spilt every drop of his Blood and said that Beetle was the means of our Defeat and that he was a glorious good fellow

Str July the 3[d] Day 1776 as witness my hand—

Samuel Calley

[Thomas Calley, Peter Moore, and Jonathan Chase, Jr., made similar statements.—Ed.]

[10-119] [*Petition for the Appointment of John Taylor: addressed to Gov. Wentworth, 1775.*]

The petition of the Selectmen and Other principal Inhabitants of the town of Stratham whose Names are hereunto annexed unto Your Excellency most humbly shews—

That the peculiar State of the Township at this present Time with regard to its internal Policy and Government, requires the Friendly Aid and Assistance of Y[r] Excellency, in the Appointing a Magistrate for the Town, whose regard for public Peace and good Order, will prompt him to Support the good and wholesome Laws of the Province, against every offender, with an equitable and impartial Distribution of Justice, without any mean, servile Fear of giving Offence to Evil Doers, but to convince them y[t] he bears not the Sword of Justice in Vain. We have taken under our Consideration the great Want the Town is now in of such a Magistrate, in whose Fidelity your Excellency may confide and the Subject may expect redress from, and in whose Defence, in the Execution of his Office we shall ever be ready to risque our Lives and Fortunes, for the support of Government; We therefore beg Leave to reccommend M[r] John Taylor to be appointed to that place, humbly assuring Y[r] Excellency that we shall ever be gratefully Acknowledging Y[r] Excellencys Favours as it will be esteemed a Mark of Your regard and Attention to the true Interest of this Town: And Y[r] petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray:—

Stratham Jan[y] 1775

Daniel Clark } Select
Mark Wiggin } men

Joseph Adams	Benj[a] Merrill	Samuell Goodhue
Thomas Wiggin	Thomas odel	Jacob Rundlet
Samuel Wiggin	Nathaniel Wiggin	Joseph Clark
Jonathan Piper Jur	John Dearborn	matthew Tomson
Chas Wiggin	Jonathan Derborn	Benj Levit
Wheler Burley	Nat[ll] Stevens	John piper

Nathan Barker	Nich[l] Rowlings	Elisha French
Ezra Barker	Josiah Smith	John Avery
James Merrill	William Chase	Jonathan Robinson

[10–120] [*Relative to Military Affairs: addressed to the General Assembly, June 4, 1777.*]

The Humble Petition of us the Subscribers freeholders, and Inhabitants of Stratham in said County belonging to the Company of Cap[t] Nicholas Rowling's sheweth that your Petitioners think themselves agrieved, by the Appointment of Cap[t] Nicholas Rowlings to the Command of the Company to wich they belong, as he was elected at a thin Meeting, before the Company had generally met, and as the Company are in general dissatisfied, with his Appointment,—Under such circumstances your Petitioners, humbly conceive your Honors, will think it expedient, to grant your Petitioners a new Choice unless the military skill and prowess of the present Captain should be judged sufficient to countervail the Reasons assigned for his Removal from that office, saving which your Petitioners humbly pray that the said Cap[t] Rowlings may be removed from his Command and they endulged with a new Choice and as in duty bound will ever pray &c—

William taylor	Ward mason	Taylor Clark
David Smith	Thomas Veazy	John Smith Jur
Edward Chase	Josiah Parsons	Mathew Thompson Ju[nr]
William Hash	Daniel Hoit	
Jotham Rollings	Levi Leavitt	Abreham Thompson
John Robinson	Joseph Stevens	Josiah Robinson
Samuel Calley	Richard Sinkler	Benjamin Hoit
Jonathan Chase Jur	Jeremiah neal	Samuel Leavitt
william scammon	Joseph Norris	Ruben Leavitt
Benjamin Robinson	Dudley Cram	John Leavitt y[e] Third
John thirston	frances Coomes	
John Leavitt	frances mason	

[R. 4–45] [*Soldier's Order, 1781.*]

Exeter September 1 Day 1781.

Sir Please to pay the Selectmen of the town of Stratham all the wages that may be Due to me for the time that I shall serve in the Continental army To the Paymaster of the six months men raised in the State of Newhampshire

Benjamin Foss

[R. 4–46] [The town presented bills for aid to soldiers' families as follows, items omitted :

1881. Mar. 9. Francis Combs, from Mar., 1780, £2–14–10
" Reuben Austin, from Feb. 1780, £1–16– 8
" " from Mar. 1780, £9–19– 5

The accounts were sworn to before Mark Wiggin.

Francis Combs stated, in a petition dated Stratham, Feb. 14, 1783, that he was in the service nearly two and one half years, in Capt. Moses Dustin's company. See following.—Ed.]

[R. 4–50] Francis Combs Soldier in the 2d New Hampshire Regiment hath Leave of Absence Untill the 1st of April 1782 and then to return to his Regiment or be treated as a diserter

Given under my hand at Schenectady this 21st of Jany 1782

Moses Duston Capt Comdt

War Office Exeter Feby 5, 1782—paid one months wages in Beef & Rum 40/—Two Shirts, one pr Leather Breeches & one pair Shoes.

[10–125] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Rockingham ss Stratham Decembr 15th 1783—

Wee the Subscribers pursuant to a Request of the General Assembly, have taken the number of Rateable pols from 20 years old to 75 years old in said Town of Stratham and find them to ammount to one hundred & Eighty three

Nichs Rowlings, Nathan Barker, Daniel Jewell } Selectmen of Stratham

[Sworn to before M. Wiggin, justice of the peace.]

[10–126] [*Vote on the Paper-Money Question.*]

At a legal town Meeting held in the town of Stratham august 17th Day 1786 the 5th artical in the warrent was to know the minds of the town respecting the making a bank of paper money there appeared 57 in favour of making paper Money and 22 against it

Attest Mark Wiggin Town Clerk

[For legislative action, see Atkinson papers, Vol. XI.—Ed.]

[10–128] [*Paine Wingate recommended for a Justice of the Peace: addressed to the President and Council, 1785.*]

Stratham March 15th 1785.

We the Subscribers beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency and Honours, that from our particular Acquaintance for a Considerable Number of years, with mr Pain Wingate; and from his general Character amongst us; we apprehend he is a very suitable Gentleman for the office of a Justice of the Peace; and will be likely to be very serviceable to the Town and Publick in that office—therefore beg the favour of your Excellency and Honours, that he may be Appointed to that office: and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray—

Moses Clark
Natll Stevens
Saml Lane
Robert Thurstin
Jabez Lane
Stephen Thurston
Benjamin Barker
Benjamin Barker Junr
Josiah Thurston
Levi Wiggin
Samll Lane Junr
Andrew Wiggin Junr
Shadrach Robinson
Wm Pottle Jur
Simon Pottle
Wm Pottle ye 3
Samuel Marble
Richd Rust
Edward Mason
Bradstreet Wiggin
Dudley L Chase
Thomas Vazey
John Marble
Nathan Adams
Josa Wingate
Thomas Veazey 3d
Sam Leavitt
Samuel Leavitt 3d
Josiah Leavitt
John Thirston
Samuel Pottle
Jonathan Leavitt
Samuel Leavitt Jun
Joseph Merrill
Stephen Thirston
Nathan Wiggin
Nathan Hoag
Enos Hoag
Levi Hoag
Ephraim Tebbets
Stephen Piper
Jonathan Jewett
Enoch Merriel
Ebenr Barker
Ebenr Barker Junr
Joseph Wiggin
Jonathan Wiggin
Seargeant Whitcher
Abraham ——
Thomas Boardman
Israel Stockbridge
Theophilus Smith
thomas Veazey iunr
Joshua Lane
Thomas Moore
Thomas Moore Jr
Benjamin Merrill
Ford Merrill
Jesse Merrill
Jere Foss
John Rundlet
Jacob Stockige
John Stockbridge
Abraham Stockbridge
Harvey moore
Jonathan Wiggin
John hill
Joseph Hoit
Samuel Pottle
William Hash
Thomas Chase
Solomon Smith Ju
Reuben Leavitt
Jonathan Chase
Jeremiah Norris
Samuel Calley
John Sinkler
William Calley
William More
Joseph Norris
Richd Scammon
Richard Scammon Juner
Samuel Scammon
Abraham Tomson
Joseph Hoit
Jonathan hoit
Daniel hoit

[Hon. Paine Wingate was elected representative in congress in 1787, and was a member of the U. S. senate from

1789 to 1793, when he was again elected and served a term in the U. S. house of representatives.—Ed.]

[10-129] [*Petition in favor of Nicholas Rawlings: addressed to the President and Council, 1785.*]

Whereas your petitioners are informed their is to be a New gustece of the peace for the town of Stratham we most humbly and Earnestly Supplycate that your Honours would a point Captain Nichalas Rowlings as gustice of the peace for he is a gentlman that is fit for the Business a forsaid and as he has ben a friend to the amarecans caus and done much in the Sarvace and your petitioners in duty bound shall Ever pray

March the forteenth Day 1785

Josiah Smith	Daniel Clark	Joshua Avery
Edward Taylor Junr	David Clark	Nathan Barker
Jotham Rowlings	Joseph Stevens	Wm Rundlet
Benjamin Green	Jacob Low	Richard Sinckler
Josiah Chase	Jacob Low Juner	matthew Tomson
Josiah Chase Juner	John Dearborn	Levi Chase
william Scammon	James Odel	Reuben Stockbridg
David Burleigh	Nathl Wiggin	Josiah Taylor
Josiah Burley	Daniel Jewell	David Wiggin
Smuel goodhu	Daniel French	Benjamin Clark

[10-130] [*Committee chosen to present a Plan for an Issue of Paper Money, 1786.*]

At a Legal town meeting held in Stratham the 30th Day of october AD 1786—

1st Voted Capt Jonathan Robinson Moderator of said Meeting—

2^{ly} Voted Andrew Wiggin Clerk—P—T—

3^{ly} put to Vote to know the minds of the Legal Voters present respecting the making of Paper money Agreable to the plan prosbrib :d by the Sub Comm^{tee} of the General Court—

The Votes as follows for said plan—3—against it 55—

4^{ly} put to Vote to know if the Legal Voters present wou :d wish to have Paper Money made on any other plan—

5^{ly} Voted, in the affirmative—

6^{ly} Voted to choose a Committee of nine persons to proscribe a Plan for making Paper money and to Lay the same before said at the adjournment of this meeting—

7ly Voted Capt N. Rolling D—Clark Capt I Smith Capt Robinson Capt I—Hoit I—Rundlett—W—Pottle I Folsom and F Merrill be said Committee—

8ly Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday—the 27th Day of November next at two of the clock P : M :

Andrew Wiggin C—P—t

A True Coppy—Attest Mark Wiggin Town Clerk

[*Report of aforesaid Committee.*]

The Committee within appointed to report the best Plan they can devise for Emmitting paper money—beg leve to there oppinion—

it is best to adopt the plan for making money agreeable to the Report of the Sub Committee with this alteration which we conceive verey materal Viz, that as fifty thousand pounds will not be sufficient for a Circulating medium, that the sum to be increased to one hundred and twenty thousand pounds, twenty thousand of which to remain in the hands of the Treasury for to answer all Public Demand the remaining sum to be Let out with Intrest at six per cent on Land Security of double the Value, the money to be no tender but for Public Demands and in Cases of Suit—the bills to Carry three per Cent Interest instead of four as the hand bill proposed—the one hundred thousand pounds to be let at Six per Cent and the bills to carry only three—leaves three per Cent for the benefit of the State which is three thousand per annum which will pay Considerable part of our public Expences

All which is Submitted by

Joseph Hoit for the Commtt

[For legislative action, see Vol. XI, p. 130.—Ed.]

SULLIVAN.

The town was incorporated September 27, 1787, and comprised territory severed from Stoddard, Gilsum, Keene, and Packersfield (now Nelson). It was named in honor of Gen. John Sullivan, who was at that time president of the state.

By an act approved January 10, 1794, the west line of the town was "lengthened out and continued south into the

town of Keene 157 rods further than by the act of incorporation."

July 7, 1874, a few acres of land were severed from this town and annexed to Gilsum.

[10–134] [*Petition for Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1786.*]

Humbly shew your Petitioners, The Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Towns of Keene, Packersfield, Gilsom, and Stoddard. That they live remote from the centre of their respective Towns and by reason of distance and bad roads are deprived of their town privileges—That they cannot enjoy these conveniences of public worship—That some of their duties as members of their several towns are by their situation very burdensom.—That if they might be incorporated into a seperate and distinct township it would be highly advantageous to them, and no detriment to the towns to which they now belong—That they are encouraged to hope that no objections will be made to their being thus incorporated unless by the town of Gilsom, and that those objections may be easily obviated

The prayer of this their humble Petition therefore is—That the tract of land marked out upon the plan herewith exhibited may be set off from the several Towns aforesaid into a distinct Township by the name of orringe and the Inhabitants of it incorporated as aforesaid—and Your Petitioners as in duty Bound shall ever pray.

August 22^{d} 1786.

Roswell Hubbard	Zadock Nims	Erastus Hubbard
Joshua Osgood		
		Inhabitants of Keene
Grindal Keith	Oliver Carter	
		Inhabitants of Packerfield
——— Burnam	Josiah Seward	Ezra Osgood
Nathan Bolster	William Burnam	Elijah Carter
Saml Seward	Samuel Wyman	
		Inhabitants of Stoddard
James Row	John Chapman	Timothy Dewey
Timothy Dimmock	Benjaman Chapman	Thos Morse
James Pratt	Benj^{a} Ellis	Jesse Wheeler
Joseph Ellis	Simeon Ellis	Lockhart Willard
William Cory	Nathan Ellis	Jonathan Baker
Samuel Cory	John Chapman Junr	John Dimick

Joshua Cory James Locke Jun[r] Ebenezer Birdit
Jonathan Heaton James Locke John Row

Inhabitants of Gilsom

[See introduction to Sullivan.—Ed.]

[10–135] [*Report of the Committee on foregoing Petition, 1787.*]

We the Subscribers being a Committee Appointed by the General Court of this State to View the Corners of Keene Packerfield Gilsom and Stoddard haveing Viewed the primeces Beg Leave to Report, as their Opinion that the parts of Towns Petitioned for to be made into a Town lies Very Convenient for that purpose by Reason of being incompassed all Round with Mountains and Broken Land that is almost impassable Besides their Lying Very Remote from the Towns to which they Now Belong to—but it must Consequently, if incorporated into a New Town Leaves Some of the Towns from which those parts of Towns were Taken Especially Gilsome in a Broken and inconvenant Shape as may be made to appear by the Plan of s[d] Town if S[d] Gilsome Could be acomedated by Being anexed to any other parts of Towns which Lies Joyning it is our opinion that it might be a Publick advantage and much for the accomedation and Benifit of the Petitioners

Alstead September y[e] 24, 1787

Lem[ll] Holmes
Absalom Kingsbery

[10–136]

The Petition of the select Men of the towns of Keene and Sullivan in said State Humbly Sheweth—

That whereas in the year 1789—an Act passed the General Court to Incorporate a town by the Name of Sullivan and in and by said Act the Bounds of Said town are Affixed and Determined—But as they will not Close agreeable to said Act—We your Humble Petitioners pray an Amendment may be made to Said Act, in the following manner (Viz) the West line of Said town to be lengthened South into Keene one Hundred fifty seaven Rods thence East twenty Eigth Degrees & 30 minutes South, to the East line of said Keene, thence North on said line to the Bounds from Which they set out from in said Act

and whereas by said Amendment the Lines will run as they

ever were Expected to run by the town of Keene and likewise by said Petitioners for Sullivan—It is the Humble Request of Said towns that said Amendment take Place—And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray

Keene Decem^{r} 20th 1793

Lock^{t} Willard } Select Men
David Willson } of Keene

Erastus Hubbard } Select Men
Eliakim Nims } of Sullivan

[This petition was granted January 10, 1794.—Ed.]

[10-137] [*Petition for the Grant of a Township: addressed to the General Court, 1798.*]

The Petition of the subscribers, Inhabitents of the State of New Hampshire, Humbly Sheweth—

that your Petitioners being inform^{d} that there is within the limits of this State lands as yet unlocated; and your Petitioners being desirous, to lay a foundation for the settlement of our Children within the bounds of there Native State

We therefore pray that a township may be granted to your Petitioners, for actual Settlement under such restrictions, and limits, as your Hon^{l} body may think propper, that we may not have the disagreeble Sight of Seeing our Sons Emigrating to other States and prehaps, Kingdoms—

And as in Duty bound will ever pray

Sullivan Novr 10th 1798

Roswell Hubbard	gorge Nims	Samuel Seward Junr
Elijah Carter	James W-Osgood	Paul Farnsworth
Wm Muzzy	Charles Carter	Theophilus Row
Elijah Osgood	James Willson	Joseph Seward
Danl Wilson Junr	Calvin Nims	James Row
Josiah Seward Junr	Olover Brown	Daniel Farnsworth
Wm Munroe	Phelander Nims	Thomas Seward
Oliver Carter	Ezra Osgood	Ichobad Keith
Erastus Hubbard	Elsworth Hubbard	Elijah Rugg
Joseph Ellis Junr	George Hubbard	Josiah Seward
Roswell Hubbard Junr	Thom^{s} Morse	James Comstick
	Thomas Powell Jun	Peter Barker
Wi^{ll} Bridge	David Powell	Abijah Seward
Daniel Willson	Joseph Powell	Nathan Bolster
John Willson	Jonathan Powell	

Isiah Willson	Samuel Seward	Samuel Clarke
Sam[l] Willson	Abel Carter	Henry Carter
Frederick Nims		

SUNAPEE.

The township was granted November 7, 1768, to Oliver Corey and others, and named Saville. Previous to this the locality was known as Corey's-Town.

It was bounded easterly on the "Curve line" of Mason's Patent, and run to a point at the south end near what is now the north-east corner of Marlow.

John Wendell, of Portsmouth, was one of the grantees, and became one of the principal owners prior to 1781, at which time,—to wit, April 4, 1781,—in answer to a petition from the inhabitants, the town was incorporated by the name of Wendell.

December 27, 1791, the south end of the town was combined with portions of other towns, and erected into the town of Goshen.

December 11, 1804, some territory was severed from the north-east corner of this town and annexed to New London; and by an act approved June 19, 1817, another tract was severed, and annexed to the same town.

By an act approved July 12, 1850, the name of the town was changed to Sunapee.

By a return of Col. Benjamin Bellows, Jr., dated March 15, 1776, the 10th company of his regiment was located in Saville, and commanded by Samuel Gunnison, captain; Benjamin Thurbour, 1st lieutenant; William Lang, 2d lieutenant; and George Lear, ensign.

[10–139] [*Petition for Arms and Ammunition: addressed to the Council and Assembly, 1776.*]

The Petition & Memorial of John Wendell of Portsmouth in the s[d] Colony Esq[r] unto your Honours humbly shews—

That your Petitioner by a Vote of the Inhabitants of the Township of Saville in said Colony was chosen to represent them in the late hon[bl] Congress in all Matters that regard their

public Safety especially to procure them some Powder & Ball for their defence against their Enemies, and as the Gentleman who lately represented said Township w^h^ Other is removed into the Council and is also absent at this Time, Your Memorialist thinks it his Duty to petition Y^r^ Hon^rs^ in the Behalf of said Inhabitants, that you would be pleased to grant them such a Supply of Arms & Ammunition as their Situation may require and as it will appear from the Evidence of Capt Samuel Gunnison who commands the Company in said Town, and who is a Person with whom Y^r^ Honours may deposit such Military Stores as you may be pleased to grant them, and for whose Fidelity Yr Petitioner will readily be bound for

Y^r^ Petitioner will not presume to lay before Y^r^ Honours the Urgency of a Supply to the Interior Parts of ye Colony as it must occur to You from the late Intelligences from Canada, yet he humbly begs leave to suggest, that those he now represents are wholly in want of Powder & are likely to be called on sooner than many Others, being most of them Young, able & willing to defend their Country against any hostile Attempts of the Brittish Army—if they should invade the Frontier Towns,—And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

John Wendell Agent for the Town of
Portsm^o^ July 2^d^ 1776. Saville—

[10–140] [*Petition for an Incorporation: addressed to the General Assembly, January, 1781.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Township of Saville, so called, in said State, unto Your Honours humbly shews;—

That your Petitioners labour under many Inconveniences for the Want of an Incorporation of the said Town, and as Your Honours have indulged Other Towns, far less Inhabited than this, They humbly hope for the same Favour,—Your Petitioners have exerted them selves on all Occasions in the present War, greatly beyond their Abilities, and have signalized their Attachment to the State of New Hampshire and its Jurisdiction,—Your Petitioners pray that said Township may be incorporated with the Priviledges of other corporate Towns, and that it may hereafter bear the name of Wendell, for which Indulgence: y^r^ Petitioners will ever pray—

Samuel Gunnison	Daniel Grendel	Abiathar young
William Lang	John Beven	Robrd young
Benj^a^ B. (his mark) R. Rand	Rob woodward	Edward young
	Nehemiah woodward	Jemes young

George W. Lear	daniel woodward	Joshua Whitne
Joseph Lear	Daniel Sherburne	William
Robert Rand	Sam willson	E x Sisco
Moses True	Esek young	Sam : Sisco

William Lang for his son William in the army

[The town was incorporated April 4, 1781, by the name of Wendell.—Ed.]

[10-142] [*Statement relative to the Condition of the Inhabitants, 1782.*]

To His Honor the President & the Honble the Council & House of Representatives, to be Convened at Concord the 2^d^ Tuesday in June 1782 : In and for the Common Wealth of New Hampshire—

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of wendell most Humbly Sheweth that Your Petitinors have Recived Tax Bills from the Treasurer of this Common wealth to the Amount of £160—15—New Emission & £6—0—6—Speice for the years 1781—& for the year 1782 the amount of £194—4—7—to be paid In Silver or Gold, as our Proportion of the State Tax. We therefore beg Leave To Inform Your Hon^rs^ of our Inability to pay the Same—As under is the True & Deplorable State of the Town—there is but 25 familes in the town & 3 of them So Infirm that they Pay no Pole Tax—& 11 Single men Some of the familes hafe one Cow Each Some 2 others none at all—after a Strict Enquiry Could not find above 4 Families that has Bread Corn Enough to Last to English Harvest & all the Rest are buyers of Corn Some of which have Nothing to buy with—And we Humbly Conceive there has been no town Setteled by Inhabitants in Such Low Circumstances as this—as Some have Ever been Obliged to Go Twenty miles after Bread Corn to Eat yearly we have Ever been Ready to Assist our Proportion in the Continental Army both Personal & in all other Exigencies—There is So many Non Resident Proprietors of Land Living oute of the town owning the Principale of the Town that our Roads are in a bad Situation and having no mills we are Obliged to Go to the next Towns for Every thing we may want in that way which makes our Situation realy Distressing—As we are ordered by a Special Act of the Assembly not to tax the Lands of the Non Residents towards Defraying the Expence of making or Repairing the Roads in the Town we are not able to Do it our Selves—Your Humble Petitioners Do Con-

ceive the Poverty of the town is Deplorable—many of those Familes have no money and if these taxes are Inforced on them must Sell there Stock and there Families Suffer—we Humbly Conceive that our Precept is much bigger than our Just purpotion for want of a true knowledge of our Situation—1^{ly} we are on a Gore of Land which other towns Infringe uppon us and we Cant help it 2^{ly} we Humbly Conceive we have not our quantity of Land by Reason of So much watter in the town—the tax bill for the year 1781,—was Rec^{d} march 25th 1782 the tax bill for the year 1782—was Rec^{d} may 16—1782—on the Receipt of which the Inhabitants was Called to Gether to Consider of there melancholy Situation & to Petition to the assembly for Redress therefore your Petitioners most humbly Pray Your Honours will be pleasd to take there Distressed Case into there most Serious consideration & they will in Duty Bound Ever Pray—voted in the above S^{d} meeting that m^{r} moses True forward this Petition to the General Assembly at Concord—

Attest Sam^{ll} Gunnison town Clark—may ye 23d 1782—

[R. 454] [*Soldier's Order.*]

Windale Augst 26th 1784 to the Tresurer of the State of New Hampshire Sir Plese to Pay the hole of my wages due to me from the state of New Hampshire for sarvis don in the Contanental sarvis to Elijah Frink or his order—and this order shall be a full discharge from your Humble sarvant in presents of us

his
Stephen × Scranton
mark

Jon^{a} Burroughs
Joel Bailey

the above s^{d} Stephen Scranton was in Co^{l} Scamels or Col. Darbons Reg^{t}

[R. 455] [*Order from Soldier's Mother.*]

To the Treasurer of the State of Newhamp^{r}

Sir please to pay to Sam^{ll} Stone all the areas and deprecotion due to the heirs of William McBretain a Soldier in the first Redgamet and this Shall be good Rect for the Same it being for Value Recevd as witness my hand Wendell Nov^{br} 12 1792

her
Janey × McBriton
mark

Joshua Whitne
Ebenezer Freeman

[R. 4-56] [*Certificates relative to Mrs. McBritton.*]

To Ambros Coset Esq Sir we wish you to certify that Janey McBreton Siner to an order given to Sam[ll] Stone was the Mother to Will McBreton who died In the first Newhampsher Redg and Left Nither father Brother Nor Sister and she is the Soal heir So doeng you will oblige your Serve

Joshua Whitne
Ebenezer Freeman

Cheshire ss This may certify that Joshua Whitne and Ebenezer Freeman both of Windle are in my Opinion men of truth and varasity and I have seen the Widow britton of Windle and have heard that she had no Children living and belive she has none living

November 14th 1792 Attest Ambrose Cossit Justice of the peace

To whom it may concern

[R. 4-57.] [*Statement relative to Revolutionary Service.*]

To the Hono[ble] the Commite of Claims in and for the Commonwealth of Newhampshire Gentelmen this may Inform your honours of the State and Sittuation of the town of Wendell During our Late unnateral war. In the first of the war their was but fifteen families twenty two poles Laram List & training Band—And in April 1783—but thurty four taxable poles in the town—which have always Dun their Parts & Sum times more in the Common Cause as may appear by the following account which I took from the Peopels mouths as to Collect the actual Service the peopel of this town have Done from the officers Roles they ware under I Cannot do

	years
Benj[a] Howard in the Service—	0– 9 months
Elezer Sisco - - - - - - - - -	0– 5–
Samuel Gunnison Jun[r] - - - - -	0– 7–½
Joseph Lear - - - - - - - - -	0– 1–½
Daniel Grindle for messers Lears -	0– 5–
Daniel woodward - - - - - - -	0– 2–
w[m] Lang Jun[r] from the begining of the war & During the war—	
William Sisco - - - - - - - - -	0–10–
william mcbritton Jun[r] - - - - -	0– 5–
w[m] mcbritton Jun[r] for three years wounded & Died in the Service	3– 0–

	y	months
Edward young - - - - - - - -	0	6
Daniel Grindle for himself - - -	0	5
Sam[ll] Sisco for three years - - -	3	0

the above List are of those who ware in town and Did Service for the town—

	y	
Joshua Gage - - - - - - - -	0	8 months
Esek young - - - - - - - -	1	2
abiathar young - - - - - - -	1	9
Neamiah woodward - - - - -	1	2
thomas woodward - - - - - -	0	9
Joshua whitne - - - - - - -	1	8
	7	2

the above List are of those who had Just purechased Land in town & made Sum Small Improvements and then went volenters into the armey in Diferant Departments

this from your humble and faithfull Servant—Errors Excepted—Wendell october the 12th 1785—Sam[ll] Gunnison Capt.

To the Honourable the Committe of Claims or bord of war In and for the Common wealth of Newhampshire this may Inform your honours that Col[o] Hunt has brought A Extent to the Amount of £ as our Purpotion of our Dilenquent Solder tax for the Late war which we humbly Conceive is Come against us by Reason of your honours not having A Rite Knowledge of what the Inhabitants of this Poor feeble town has Dun by Calls on all Sudden Ammergences from our field officers and also volentiers Going So much that we Actualy beleive that we ought to have Credit Rather then to be Called uppon for the Least Sum—we humbly Conceive we have a Just Rite to Chalange the whole State that their is not a town in it Considering our Poverty and numbers that have Done near So much as the People of this town have in actual Service withoute hire from other towns therefore we would Earnestly Desire your honours would take the above account under your Consideration & we humbly beg the Extent now in Col[o] Hunts hands may be with Drawn—this from your humble Peteniors in Duty Bound Ever pray—

Wendell october ye 14th—1785—

Samuel Gunnison
moses true
Joshua Gage
} Select men of Wendell

[R. 4–58] [*Statement relative to Service in the War: addressed to the General Assembly, 1786.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen of Saville, formerly so called, but wch is now incorporated by the Name of Wendell, in behalf of themselves and the Other Inhabitants of said Township, unto Honours humbly Shews—

That the Honble Treasurer of this State, hath lately Issued an Extent on Your Petitioners, for the want of their Proportion of Men, during the War, which occasioned the Greatest Surprize to Your Pet^rs^, as they were conscious, that the said Inhabitants, taken in a comparative View, have done more service During the war, than Any Town in the whole State, as they Humbly concieve they shall make to appear to any committee of this Honble Court; Your Pet^rs^ never Received any List or Demand for their Proportion from any Public Officer what ever, excepting a Letter from Col^o^ now Genl Bellows to Capt Gunnison for the Names of such men as went from s^d^ Town unlisted for Three Years or during the war with the Names of the Officers under whom they Served, on which Your Pet^rs^ Gunnison returned the Names of William Lang jun^r^ W^m^ M^c^Brittain Junr & S^l^ Sisco Inhabitants of said town who were then inactual Service engaged for Three Years, One of whom was wounded in Battle & afterwards died thereof And excepting a few Old men Every man in the town has Occasionally served in Person on Alarms and Whenever Col^o^ Bellows Sent Out for them, All which they humbly hope to make appear Wherefore they Request a Committee of this Honble Court may be Appointed to take the Prayer of their Petition into Consideration and to Report thereon as to Justice belongs, And Your Pet^rs^ as in duty Bound shall ever Pray

Sam^ll^ Gunnison } Selectmen
moses true } of Wendell

Wendell January 2^d^ 1786.

[The foregoing petition was referred to a committee, who reported in favor of allowing the town £60 on account of Wm. Lang, and that Wm. Sisco had been hired by the town of Croydon. The report was accepted and adopted.—Ed.]

[10–143] [*Relative to Soldiers' Bounties, 1789.*]

A Statement agreable to the Resolve of the General Court pased September 24th 1787—the State of Newhampshire Deter. to the Town of Wendal to Certain Bountys given for the Raising of men for the Continental Army and the Milia Service as

they have been called into duty at Sundry times dureing the late War and as they have been paid either by the Town of Wendal (formerly Saville) or by Individuals in said Windal—

We the Subscribers have received the following Sums affixed to each of our names as Bountys for the Service we have done in the Continantal Army and Militia during the late War, this we have Received from the said town of Wendal or Individual persons in Said Town equivalent to Silver money

Esek young	£25	0	0
Daniel Grendel	5	0	0
Benjn his × mark Howard	14	17	0
	44	17	0

State of Newhampshire Cheshire County ss:

Wendal December 22^{d} 1789—

Personally Apeared Esek Young Daniel Grindel and Benjamin Howard and made Solemn Oath that they each of them Received so much as is affixed to each of their names of the Town of said Wendal or Individual Persons in said Wendal as Bountys for Serving in late Continental army and Militia

Coram—Josiah Stevens Justice Peace

William Lang Junr Received Eighteen Pounds and eight penc of said Town of Wendal and an Individual man in said Wendal as a Bounty for his Service in the late war but the said William died Some years Since and no proper Receit being left We pray that the account may be allowed it was then equal to Silver money

Wendell Decem^{br} 22nd 1789

Joseph Cutts
Ichabod Perkins
Ebenezer freeman
} Select Men of Wendal

[19–148] [*Petition for a new Town: addressed to the General Court, 1789.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitants of Wendell Lemster Unity Newport and Fishersfield living on a Tract of Land lying in the Remote corners of the Towns Aforesaid which makes it Exceedingly Inconvenient on Account of all Town affairs as Publick Town Meetings and Religious Societies by our being at Such A Distance from the Center of those

Towns that we are now Incorporated with, Therefore the Prayers of your petitioners is that your Hon^{rs} will Consider us in our Situation and Incorporate us as a Town as Shall be Set forth in the Plan herewith Exhibited or otherwise as your Hon^{rs} in your Wisdom Seem meet and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall ever Pray

Lemster December ye 22 A D 1789

Asa Hebard	John Wheeler	William Lang
Benjn Willey	James Libbey	Stephen Lang
Allen Willey J^{r}	Parker Tandy	Daniel Grendel
Milan Hebard	George W. Lear	Arthur Humphrey
Luther Martin	Joseph Lear	Stephen Gilman
Nathan Willey	Benjamin Rand	Elisha Thacher
Reuben Willey	Benjamin Rand	Ephraim Gullison
Eleazer Cary	Junr	George Ayres
Daniel Shirbon	Nathanill Gunnison	
Daniel Shirbon J^{r}	Moses true	

N: B Said Town to be bounded as followeth (viz) Beginning on Newport South line About fifty Rods west of gilman^{s} mils thence South four milds and three Quaters or So far as to be parrael with the South line of fishersfeild thence East four milds thence North five milds and 140 Rods thence westerly four milds and One third to the first mentoned bounds

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[10–147] [*Remonstrance to foregoing, 1790.*]

The Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the town of Unity humbly prayeth, that whareas a Petition was Presented to the General Court at their Sessions in December Last signed by Daniel Grindale and others praying that the East end of S^{d} Unity with part of sundry other towns Mentioned in S^{d} Petition might be Incorporated into a Township Distinct, from those to which they now belong, Your Petitioners humbly conceive that it will be of great damage to S^{d} Town of Unity to Spare any part of S^{d} Township to the above mentioned Petitioners as we are Sensible that the situation of S^{d} town is such that if in case their request should be granted the remaining part of S^{d} Town cannot with any Conveniency be accommodated with one center and it will Effectually prevent any other Division of S^{d} Town from takeing place which might otherwise be done. And which the Town are very unanimous in haveing done—and which we think would be greatly conducive to the Peace welfare and Happiness of S^{d} Town—Therefore we do in the most humble manner Request your Honours, that the Prayer of the petition of

Sd Grindale, and others (so far as it respects S^{d} town of Unity) may not be Granted and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray—

Unity December 2nd 1790—

Samuel Chase

Nathaniel Huntoon	Moses Chase	Daniel moody
Charls Huntoon J^{r}	John Sleeper	Josiah Huntoon
Philip Huntoon	Abraham Sandborn	Richard Moody
Caleb Huntoon	Moses Fifield	Samborn Cram
John Huntoon	Isaac Livingston	Jacob Cram
Daniel Bachelder	Jonathan Glidden	andrew Glidden
thomas Nott	Barnabas Sinkler	Jacob × Glidden
Stephen Huntoon	Elias Buckman	Elipelet Bodwell
Joshua Bartlett	Asa Lamson	Eliphelet Bodwell
Jacob Bartlett	Amos Lamson	Jun
Benjamin Huntoon	Saml P Glidden	James Bodwell
Benjamin Clough	Jonathan Glidden	Stephen Brown
Samuel Huntoon	Jn^{r}	Joseph Glidden
Matthias Bartlett	Stephen Buckman	Simeon Glidden
Cornelies Clough	Amos Buckman	James Dudley
Amos T Huntoon	Jacob Smith	Darbon Sweet
Joseph Huntoon	Nathaniel Heart	asaph merrel
Junr	Elephelit Breead	thomas Smith
William Long	Nichelos peirce	Jeremiah Glidden
Benjamin Smart	William Neal	Ebenezer barker
Joseph Hebet	Josiah moody Junr	Saml W. Thurber

[10–150] [*Vote of the Town of Lempster on the foregoing.*]

At a legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of Lemster held in consequence of a Petition to the Selectmen of S^{d} Lemster from Moses True and other on the eighteenth day of Decr A D 1789—On the Question being put whether the Town Approved or disapproved of the design of S^{d} Petitioners in takeing off part of S^{d} Town of Lempster it was disapproved by 33. and Approved by 11—

Meeting disolved—

A true copy Attest James Bingham T. Clerk

Lempster Jany 8, 1791—

[10–151] [*Wendell against the Separation.*]

Wendell Jany 3, 1791—

Whom it may concern this certifies, that the Town of Wendell have never voted to give of the South part of S^{d} Town as requested in a Petition Signed by Daniel Grendell and Others Also certifies that there are not more than Fifty four Rateable Polls in s^{d} Town of Wendell—

Ichabod Perkins Town Clerk

[10–152]

We the Inhabitants of the Town of Wendell whose names are hereunder Written being Sensible of the Dificulties that we are under by Reason of the Situation of this Town and the great Distance that many of the Inhabitants have to Travel for publick Worship and all Town affairs of Every kind do Suppose it to be Reasonable and Necesary and do freely Consent and Request that your Honours would Incorporate the South End of Said Wendell with the Corners of Several other Towns agreeable to the plan taken by Mr Jese Lane or otherwise as your Honours in your Wisdom Seem meet and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever pray

Wendell May ye 12th 1791

Strokley angell	Esek Angill	Edward yong
Noel Angell	James Scales Junr	James bock
Joshua gage	Abiathar young	Thomas Woodward
Eben angell	Robard young	Joshua Whitne
James young	Daniel Moses	Giles Bartlet
philip Huntoon	Israel Bryant	Job Williams
Cornalous young	Esek young	

[Portions of the towns of Wendell, Newport, Unity, Lempster, and Fishersfield were combined, and incorporated into a town named Goshen, Dec. 27, 1791.—Ed.]

[10–154] [*Petition to have the Corner Bound of Goshen established, 1797.*]

The petition of the Selectmen of Wendell humbly Sheweth

That Whereas a Mistake appears to have taken place in the Act for Incorporating the Town of Goshen respecting the first bound of Said Town which is mentioned in Said Act as beginning at the northeast corner of lot No nine in the first range of

lots in Wendell & upon Fishersfield line, which Said northeast Corner & the line of Fishersfield have Since been found to be at Some distance apart & the Inhabitants of Goshen petitioned the Generall Court the last Year to have this mistake rectified & the Said first bound established either at the Said northeast corner of lot N° nine without having any regard to Fisherfield line or on the line of Fisherfield in the place meant to be described in Said Act—Therefore as it would be very inconvenient for the Town of Wendell to have the Said bound established at the Northeast Corner of lot No nine by reason that it would leave a considerable point of land in Said Wendell lying in a triangular form between Fisherfield & Goshen.

Your petitioners humbly request your Honours that the said bound may be established upon the line of Fishersfield in the place where it was meant & intended to have been made when that part of Wendell was Set off to Goshen which was in Such place as where it would form a Straight line with the Said northeast corner of lot N° nine & the head lines of that range of lots to Newport line thereby making one Straight line between the Town of Said Wendell & Goshen from Fishersfield line to Newport line and that the bound & line may be thus established we in duty bound will ever pray

Wendell June 3rd 1797

Whittier Perkins, Nathaniel Perkins, Samuel George } Selectmen of Wendell

[The line was established in accordance with this petition, June 22, 1797.—Ed.]

SHARON.

The territory in this town was formerly the westerly portion of Peterborough Slip, and retained the name after the east part was separated and incorporated into the town of Temple. By an act passed February 6, 1789, the inhabitants were invested with the privilege of levying and collecting taxes for the repair of highways, and the laying out and building of the same; and by an act passed June 19, 1789, they were authorized to levy and collect a tax of one penny per acre annually, for the term of three years, for the purpose of repairing roads and bridges. January 24, 1791, the town was incorporated by its present name.

The following documents were not found in time to place the town in alphabetical order.

[10–210] [*Petition for Annexation to Peterborough: addressed to the General Court, 1777.*]

We the Inhabitance of Peterborough Slip as Your Humble Petitionors do Beg Leave to Aquant Your honors that we have Voted to be Anexed to Peterborough and Are Verry Desirous for the Same for our Number[s] Being So Small that we Cannot be a town of our Selves Nor have Any towne Privilidges while we Are in this Situation and we humbly Pray that Your honors would take it into consideration and if it be Your Minds to Grant Us our Petetion Which we Now Request of Your honours let it be Don Soon as may be—

And we Shall Ever pray &C

Peterborough Slip May 27[th] 1777

John Taggart	Gilbert m[c]cay	Josiah Crosby
Jn[o] Swan	William Milliken	Sam[l] Gragg
Jon[o] Taggart J[r]	James Milligen	Jn[o] Eliot
John Swan Jun[r]	John m[c]allaster	Andrew Conn
Samu[l] Milliken	James M[c]Nee	
John Whitemore	Benj : Nutting	

[10–216] [*Petition for an Act of Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1786.*]

The petition of the subscribers in behalf of the Inhabitants of a place called Peterborough-Slip in the County of Hillsborough in said State humbly sheweth,

That the said Inhabitants have for many years laboured under great inconveniencies & difficulties in not being vested with corporate powers.—

That the said place called Peterborough Slip is surrounded by incorporated places—Peterborough on the north Jaffrey on the west, Rindge & New Ipswich on the South & Temple on the east—& that it cannot with convenience be annexed to either of those Towns—

That the number of Inhabitants in said place now Amounts to one hundred & eighty, And the number of Families to forty : That the said Place contains about seventy lots containing upon an average One hundred acres, & is capable of making fifty good Farms or settlements—That your Petitioners are very desirous of enjoying, in common with their fellow Citizens, the Blessings resulting from a Gospel ministry—publick Schools—good roads & all the other Benefits that flow from an organized & well regulated Society—And your petitioners beg leave to observe that should your Honours be pleased to encorporate

them, in their present situation, that most of the difficulties & embarrassments which they now feel, would still remain; & that the only expedient whereby your Petitioners may be relieved, is, as they humbly conceive, that a small Piece be taken from each of the Towns that join upon said Peterborough-Slip on the north and west and be added thereto—Your Petitioners humbly conceive that if One mile be taken off the east end of Jaffrey & one mile from the south end of Peterborough, as far as they adjoin upon said Peterborough Slip, that such an accession would make them competent for all the purposes of corporate Society, and in no degree injure the said Towns of Jaffrey & Peterborough—Your petitioners are led to conceive thus of the matter from these considerations; That the said Town of Jaffrey is now seven miles from west to east, & only five from North to South; So that, when that part of said Jaffrey, which it is the wish of your petitioners may be annexed to them, shall be taken off, the remaining part will be large enough for a Township & will better accommodate the Inhabitants than now

That as to the said Town of Peterborough your petitioners beg leave to observe, that a tract of land unincorporated, called Society, lies adjoining to Said Peterborough on the North—that this Tract is also surrounded by incorporated places And may very conveniently, At least a part of it, be annexed to said Peterborough, And will more than compensate for that part of Peterborough which may be Annexed to said Peterborough-Slip—

Your Petitioners Therefore pray that your Honours would be pleased to annex, One mile taken off the east end of said Jaffrey, & One mile taken off the South end of said Peterborough, to the Tract of Land now called Peterborough-Slip, and incorporate the whole into a Township vested with all the privileges of corporate Societies in this State and as in Duty bound your Petitioners shall ever pray—

John m^{c}allaster, Saml Gragg, Saml Milliken } Committee of Peterborough Slip

Heard and dismissed.

[10–217] [*Petition for Authority to levy and collect Taxes for the repair of Highways, 1787.*]

The petition of the Inhabitants of a place called Peterborough-Slip, in said State,

Humbly sheweth,

That your petitioners, by reason of their being unincorporated, are subject to many inconveniences, among which are,

first, That they cannot lay out new high-ways—Second, That they cannot tax Non-residents lands, nor lands unimproved, to help make and repair highways—And, Third, That they cannot compell persons who are unwilling to labour on highways to work on them at all: Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honors would enable, empower and fully authorize them to lay out high-ways in said Place, where necessary—to tax the Non-residents lands and lands unimproved, in said place, for the making and repairing highways in said place—And to compell the Inhabitants of said Place to make, mend & repair said high-ways—in as full and ample a manner as the Inhabitants of incorporated towns and places in this State are by law authorised to act and do in such matters—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

June 25th 1787.

John Prentice for the Petitioners

[The foregoing petition was granted by an act passed February 6, 1789.—Ed.]

SURRY.

The town was incorporated March 9, 1769, and comprised territory severed from the towns of Westmoreland and Gilsum, largely from the latter. That portion taken from the former had been known as Westmoreland Leg.

By the act of incorporation the first meeting was to be called by Peter Hayward, the first settler in town, and Ebenezer Kilburn had liberty to "poll off" with his estate to Gilsum.

Surry was one of the towns that voted to unite with Vermont, and, in 1781, the majority of the selectmen refused to call a meeting for the election of a member of the legislature, in obedience to a precept from this state, "being under oath to the state of Vermont." See Vol. XI, p. 29.

Lead and silver were discovered on Surry mountain many years ago, and attempts have been made from time to time to mine the ore. A mine on the east side of the mountain, which is being worked at the present time by the Granite State Mining Company, produces gold, silver, copper, and lead, in considerable quantities.

Surry men in 1st N. H. Regiment:

Joshua Church enlisted March 18, 1777; discharged April 30, 1780.

Anthony Gilman enlisted July 1, 1777; taken prisoner.

Samuel Liscomb enlisted May 8, 1777; discharged December, 1779.

Jacob Bonney enlisted May 20, 1777; died July, 1778.

[10–156] [*Petition of Lemuel Holmes: addressed to the General Court, February 10, 1780.*]

The Memorial of Lemuel Holmes Captain of the Corps of Rangers— ——— ——— ——— Humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialist was captivated by the British Army on the 16th Day of November, AD. 1776, at Fort Washington (so called) and carried into New-York, where he was detained a Prisoner untill the 20th Day of September, A D. 1778;—That during this Period your Memorialist had scarce any Allowances from the Continent & none from this State, & your Memorialist is led to suppose that the Reason of his being neglected by said State was, that thro' Mistake he was never returned as belonging to the said State;—That your Memorialist was detained in New-York five Weeks after he was exchanged, for Want of Money to discharge his Billet, having had no Remittances for that Purpose;—That after your Memorialist was permitted to leave New-York, (having previously been obliged to hire the Money to discharge his Billet) he was under a Necessity of taking a Journey to Philadelphia to procure said Money to be granted & remitted by the Honorable Continental Congress, which Journey cost him much time & nearly all the Money he had before received, which was seven hundred Dollars on Accompt.—And your Memorialist would also humbly represent in Behalf of himself & Samuel Silsby, Daniel Griswold & William Haywood, Soldiers from said State in the Corps commanded by your Memorialist, that your Memorialist & the aforesaid Soldiers were considerable Sufferers, by loosing several things at the time of their Captivity & by Expences afterwards arising from Sickness, the necessary Charges of getting Home & loss of time afterwards, as will more fully appear from the Accompt herewith transmitted.—Wherefore your Memorialist in Behalf of himself & the aforesaid Samuel Silsby, Daniel Griswold and William Haywood, humbly prays this honorable Court to take the foregoing Memorial & Representation together with the Accompt herewith transmitted into their wise Consideration

and act thereon as they in their Wisdom shall see just & proper; —and your Memorialist as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.—

Lemuel Holmes Capt

[R. 4-62] [*Petition of Thomas Dodge, Soldier, 1783.*]

Humby Shews,

Thomas Dodge, that in the year 1777, he inlisted into the continental service for three years, for the Town of Surry in the county of Cheshire, and received from Said Town, a Bounty of one hundred Dollars; that he served during the whole term; and when he applied to the treasury of this State, for his Wages, the receipt he had given The Town of Surry for said Bounty was lodged against him, and reducted out of his Wages—Your Petitioner therefore prays, that this Assembly will take his case into consideration, and make an order to The Town of Surry to refund said hundred Dollars, or grant such other relief in the premises, as to this hon^{ble} Court shall seem expedient and proper—and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Charlestown N° 4 Octr 24th 1783—

Thomas Dodge

[R. 4-63] [*Petition of Lemuel Holmes, Soldier: addressed to the General Assembly, 1782.*]

Humbly Sheweth

The petition and memorial of Lemuel Holmes—of Surry in said State—that on the first day of January seventeen hundred seventy six—your petitioner engaged as Lieutenant for the term of one year in the service of this and the United States—and on the sixteenth day of November following was taken prisoner at fort Washington—That previous to the captivity of your petitioner (viz) on the first of september the same Year—I had an appointment by his Excellency Genl Washington to the office of Captain—That by being made prisoner, your petitioner was prevented receiving a commission agreable to such appointment—but was however returned and exchanged as such—after having continued prisoner in New York almost two years—That when released your petitioner immediately applied to the Congress for direction and settlement of my accounts—and there received a small sum in Continental money on account—and was directed by Congress to apply to the state to which I belonged for a settlement of the whole—That your pe-

titioner in consequence applied to the hon. Assembly of this State about two years since—but by a multiplicity of business or some other cause to me unknown—my said application was and has been since neglected—whereby a settlement of my accounts has never yet been effected nor any sufficient payment or compensation rendered for the services and sufferings of your petitioner—That more over your petitioner hath been informed that Congress ordered some allowance to be made to those super-numerary Officers who returned home—

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that your honors will take the several matters herein before suggested into serious consideration—and point out some eligible method for a speedy settlement of my accounts—and whereby I may obtain the balance in my favor without greater cost and trouble—And that in the mean time your honors would direct and order a reasonable sum for my present relief and support—Or other wise grant such relief and direction in the premises—as to your honors in wisdom may seem best.—

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Lem[ll] Holmes

Dated at Concord this 13th June 1782—

[In H. of Rep., June 14, 1782, he was granted an allowance of £30, "hard money."—Ed.]

[R. 4–65] [*Petition of Lemuel Holmes, 1794.*]

To the Honourable General Court of the State of New Hampshire convened at Amherst on the first Wednesday of June 1794

The petition of Lemuel Holmes for himself and Samuel Silsby Niles Beckwith, William Hayward & Daniel Griswold all of the State aforesaid and County of Cheshire who are yet Living who were taken prisoners at fort Washington in the Year 1776 with your petitioners that Belonged to the State of Newhampshire and who have Never had any Compensation for the time they were prisoners nor the Loss of their Baggage and arms and what is infinitely wors the Loss of their health and Constitutions: altho their accompts with mine were Considered by our Committee and Sent forward to Congress but were with many other State accompts not Considered So that we your petitioners are without any Redress unless your Honours will pleas to interpose in our Behalf and make a Grant of So much of the unlocated Lands in Said State as your Honours in Your Wisdom may think Reasonable under Such Restrictions as to Setling as may Seem best for the State

and I Your humble petitioner will be under Such obligations to Survey and Settle Said Lands in Behalf of them as Shall be Reasonable as Your petitioner has a Number of Sons who would Settle Said Lands which might be of Some Servis to the State but would Satisfy your petitioner that the State for which he has undergon too many hardships to mention think that his friends feel for his Misfortunes and will Compensate for his Losses

and your petitioner as in Duty bound will pray

Surry June ye 2^d^ 1794.

Lemuel Holmes

[Hon. Lemuel Holmes was lieutenant in a company of rangers from January 1, 1776, until the first of September following, when he was appointed captain by Gen. Washington. On the 16th of November next following he was taken prisoner at Fort Washington and carried to New York, where he remained in captivity until September 20, 1778. He was town-clerk of Surry for some years, and represented Gilsum and Surry in the H. of Rep., in 1784–86, 1789–92. He was elected a member of the governor's council in 1790, and held the office four years; was a judge of the court of common pleas for the county of Cheshire until 1808, at which time he was debarred from holding the office any longer by reason of having arrived at the age of seventy years. He lived for some years at the foot of Bald hill in Surry, and is described as being an agreeable and courteous gentleman, of strict integrity, and a prominent man in his day. Subsequently he removed to Vermont, and there died.—Ed.]

[10–157] [*Relative to the collection of Beef for the Army, 1786.*]

Mr Speeker Sir Whereas Co^l^ Gideon of Exeter Was appointed a Collector of Beef for the year 1780 and under him John Mellen Esqr Collector for the County of Cheshire S^d^ Mellen did in the year 1780 Collect 739 lb of Beef more than he Recepted for to Co^l^ Gideons and Because S^d^ Returns do not agree with the Return on the Book the Treasurer Cant Credet the Town of Surry for any Part of the Beef which was Delivered to S^d^ Mellen therefore it is Motioned that the House Give orders that the Treasurer Receive Said Recepts and Credet the Town of

Surry for the Same which the Treasurer is Ready to do upon Receiving the order

Portsmouth Feby 22 1786 Lemuel Holmes

Surry, Capt Giddings returned 2600^lb Beef

[10–158] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

A Return of the Male inhabitants of the Town of Surry of Twenty one years of age and upwards pay each one for himself a Poll-Tax

Eighty two

By order of the Select-men

Lemu^ll Holmes Town Clerk

[10–159] [*Relative to date of Annual Meeting: addressed to the Council and H. of Rep., 1784.*]

Humbly sheweth your Petitioners Thomas Harvey Joshua Fuller and William Barran Selectmen for the Town of Surry for the year 1783 That whereas the Holding of Annuel Meetings on the Last Tuesdays of March is attended by many inconveniencies, in consequence of the new Constitution taking place and the inconveniency of Holding it by adjournment by reason of its being so late in the Month

Therefore, We your Petitioners pray that if your Honours see fit would appoint the Annual Meeting to be held earlier in the Month of March for the Future

As in Duty Bound will ever pray

Lem^ll Holmes Town Clerk by order of the Selectmen

Surry March 24th 1784

[By an act passed April 13, 1784, the time for holding the annual meeting was changed from the last Tuesday of March, to the first Monday in the same month.—Ed.]

[10–160] [*Date of Annual Meeting changed, 1785.*]

State of New Hamp^r

In the House of Representatives Feb^u 23^d 1785

Whereas in and by an Act passed the 13th of April A. D. 1784 it is Enacted that the Annual Meeting in the Town of

Surry shall be held on the first Monday in March annually, but as the Inhabitants have not had Notice thereof, and the said first Monday so nigh that Legal notice cannot be given of the business necessary to be transacted at said Meeting—Therefore—

Resolved that the Meeting for the Present year be held on the fourth Tuesday of March next and that the present Select men give notice in the usual manner of the time place & Design of Said Meeting and the Officers chosen at said Meeting are to give notice that the annual meeting of said Town is to be held on the first monday in March annually in future—

Sent up for Concurrence

Geo: Atkinson Speaker

In Senate the same day read & Concurred

E Thompson Sec

[10-161] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to work a Silver Mine, 1786.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly sheweth that they have Discovered a place in Surry in the county of Cheshire, where they Are persuaded there is a Valuable Silver Mine. that they Wish to make an Experiment of the worth and Quantity of said Mine, that by the best computation they can make, it will cost three or four thousand Dollars, before they can reap any considerable advantage therefrom, that they conceive it would be a very considerable advantage to the Publick, should they succede to their Reasonable expectation, in opening said Mine, that it will be extremely Difficult, if not impossible for them, to advance the necessary Expences for effecting the Same Experiment. that Encouraged by your Honours known Wisdom and Public Spirit; the Prayer of your Petitioners is that they or others as your Honors shall see fit may be Authorised by the help of a Publick Lottery for that purpose, to raise the sum of two thousand Dollars, or any other Sum that your Honours shall see fit, to assist them in opening the same, and they as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Feby 1st 1786

Jed^{h} Sanger, Joseph Blake, Wm Russell } Committee in behalf of the Owners of said Mine

[10–162] [*Remonstrance against the Incorporation of a Baptist Society, 1800.*]

We a Committee being appointed by the Inhabitants of the Town of Surry at a legal Meeting October 11, 1800, to remonstrate against the prayer of the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants living in the southwest part of said Surry that they with others may be incorporated into a Religious Society to be called and known by the Name of the first Baptist Society in Westmoreland, beg Leave to state

First, That the Town of Surry is but a very small Incorporation and have not one Inhabitant to spare without injuring said Town, there being not more than 80 Freeholders therein

Secondly, Those petitioning Inhabitants are not more than three and a half and some not more than two Miles from the Meetinghouse in said Surry

Thirdly, In their petition they have stil'd themselves professors of Religion by the Denomination of Baptists, and to say the Truth, we are obliged to say, that not one of those petitioners belonging to Surry ever made any Profession of Religion of any Denomination that we know of, especially, Baptist—and we declare that whenever any or all of them shall have made a Publick Profession of Religion of any Denomination whatever contrary to our Denomination we will agreeably to the Constitution freely relinquish all Right of Taxing such Professors to the Support of our Minister

Fourthly, We doubt in our minds whether the Motive of their thus petitioning is not more to answer sinister Views, such as forming a Center to advance private property and continue small Disputes than to promote Harmony and good Order

Lemuel Holmes
John Stiles
Jona^{t} Robinson
Nathan Howard
} Committee

[10–164] [*Consent of sundry Persons to foregoing.*]

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, Inhabitants of the Town of Surry hereby give our Consent to the Remonstrance of a Committee appointed by said Town against the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants thereof, with others praying to be incorporated into a Baptist Society as in our minds we doubt the Sincerity of some of those Petitioners belonging to said Surry and that they do not duly consider the Consequence of an Incorporation

Lemuel Holmes	Jonathan Skinner	Cushman Smith
Nathan Howard	Obadiah Willcox	Asahel Harvey
Abia Crane	Moses Field	John Stiles
Philip Monro	Asa Willcox	thos Harvey
Jonathan Smith	Daniel Smith	Cyrus Harvey
Ichabod Smith	Asa Holmes	Eli Dort
Sylvester Skinner	Calvin Hayward	Jona^{t} Robinson
Abner Skinner	Jno McCurdy	
Eldad Skinner	Levi Fuller	

[The society mentioned in the foregoing was incorporated December 10, 1800, and comprised persons from the towns of Surry, Walpole, Westmoreland, and Keene.—Ed.]

SUTTON.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors in 1749, and was called Perrys-town, from Obadiah Perry, one of the original proprietors. The town was incorporated by the legislature April 13, 1784, and named Sutton.

June 18, 1795, an act was passed authorizing the assessment of a special tax of three cents per acre on all the lands in town except public lands and "eighteen shares reserved by the Masonian proprietors" for the purpose of building a meeting-house.

Sutton contained 130 inhabitants in 1775, and 520 in 1790.

David Peaslee, who settled in this town in 1767, found traces of an Indian settlement on the west side of Kezar's pond, where implements of Indian manufacture have since been found.

Jonathan Harvey was a member of the state senate from 1816 to 1823.

Silas Russell was in the 1st N. H. Regiment, enlisted April, 1780, and was discharged December, 1781.

[R. 4–67] [*Sutton Soldiers, 1777.*]

Benj^{a} Critchet & John Watts has Inlisted in Capt fairwells Company & in Co^{l} Starks Ridg^{t} in the State of Newhampshir for three yeare—

the above Names is for Parrystown

[R. 4-68] [*Assistance to Soldier's Family.*]

State of New Hampshire Hillsborough

Parsuant to an order from the General Court to the Selectmen of Perrystown to mak the bill of suply for the woman that thare Husbands was in the Contanantal Armey for three ye^r and During the Warr

March 27th 1781 Supplied the famly of Benjn Critchets who was during the warr in the Present year L. M. 8–5–0

March 29th 1782 Supplyed the famly of Benjn Critchet During warr man in the Present yeare L. M. 25–10–0—Sum total 33–15–0

the above famely was left in varry Poor Surcomstances as to the Nesercys of life

A true Coppey Etest

Matthew Harvey, Ephraim Gile, william Presey } Selectmen for Perrystown

Perreystown Septr 22—1783.

[Superscribed] on Public Servise to the Committee of Claims at Exeter

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[10–165] [*Petition for an Incorporation: addressed to the General Court, 1783.*]

A petition of the inhabitance of a place Cald Parreystown in the State of New Hampshire and County of Hillsborough Humbly Prays: for that Body of Land Call^d^ Parreystown bounded agreeable to the Charter of said Land may be incorporated into a Town with all the previledges of other Towns in this State by the Name of Sutton the disadvantages that we the Inhabitants labor under for want of Town previledges in making and repaireing of Highways and many other disadvantages two Numerous to be menchoned Causes us to pray for to be incorporated for which faver we as in Duty Bound for you shall ever pray—

Parreystown May 21 : 1783

Matthew Harvy, Ephrim Gile } Select men for Perreystown

Willm Presey	Bengman Phelbreck	John davies
david gill	Jacob masten	James Gillinham
Benj^a^ Wadley	Robert Heath	Thomas Wadley
Peter Peaslee	beniamin Heath	Isac Peasley
moses Camley	Hesekiah Parker	Ezekil Heath

Samuel been	Jesse Parker	Jeremiah daveis
Benjamin Critchet	Jonathan Davis	Joseph wodley
Lenard Colborn	David Eaton	Johnathon Keaser
David peaslee	Ruben Clough	Ezra Jones
Samuel Andrew	Eliphlet Cheneny	Jonathan Robey
Daniel messer	Thom^{s} Walker	James King
Jacob Davis	Jacob daveis	Jonathan Stephens
Ebn^{r} Keeser	Aaron davies	Ruben gile

[The town was incorporated April 13, 1784, by its present name.—Ed.]

[10–166] [*Benjamin Wadleigh recommended for a Justice of the Peace, 1786.*]

We your Pertishenors Humbly shueth that as we are Distitute of a Justice of the Peace with us theirefore your Humble Pitishenors Humbly pray that you wood take it into your wise Consideration and appoint m^{r} Benjamin wodly for oure Justice in this town for us that Sivel authority may be Kept up—

In wittness ware off we have Subcrib^{d} our Names—

Sutton Jenuary 26th 1786

Matthew Harvey	Hezekiah Parker	Lenard Colborn
Sam^{ll} Bean	Silas Busel	moses Davis
Daniel Messer	Joseph wodly	Thom^{s} messer
David Eaton	Jonathan Stevens	Benjn Chrichet
Willam Presey	Ezekiel Heath	Jonath^{n} Page
Asa Nelson	Eben^{r} Kezer	Timothy Peaslee
Isaac Peaslee	francis Como	Abraham Peslee
Thom^{s} Mastian	David Gile	Caleb Kimball

[10–168] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to fix Uncertain Bounds, 1794: addressed to the General Court.*]

Your Petitioners Humbly sheweth that thay are owners of land in the town of Sutton part of that tract of Land that was Laid out by the proprietors of s^{d} town for the grantors of said Sutton being about five miles on the Earsterly Line of the town and Extending west on said town one mile but was not bounded altho said Lots was Pland and Drawn and the old proprietors are maney of them Decesed and there proprietors meetings are all Decesd also there fore your petitioners Know no way that

thay Can have there Land bounded or Know where there Land Lyes there fore your petitioners prays that the Honorable Court wod take there Case in to ther wise Consideration and appoint them a Committee to Run out said Land and Bound the same according to the Charter and Plan of said town on the Petitioners Cost and as in Dutey bound will Ever Pray—

Caleb Kimbell	Oliver French	Samuel Kinrick
Ezekiel Flanders	Beni^{n} wiliam	Beniamin Kindrck
Jacob masten	thomas walker	thomas Rowel
John Eaton	Gorge walker	Jonathan Rowel
hazekier Parker	Jonathan Colborn	
Green French Jun	Dudley Kindrick	

[In H. of Rep., Jan. 10, 1794, a committee was appointed, consisting of Henry Gerrish, James Flanders, and Aaron Greeley. The senate did not concur.—Ed.]

[10-169] [*Petition for Appointment of a Committee to fix Bounds for Certain Rights, 1795.*]

The petition of the Subscribers humbly shew, that they are owners in a tract of Land in Sutton, in the County of Hillsborough in said State, which was reserved by the proprietors of said Sutton, to make Eighteen Rights, for the grantees of said Sutton according to the Charter of said Town being about Seven Miles and one quarter of a Mile one way and about One Mile the other way, the proprietors left the Land for said Eighteen Shares or rights but did not make any bounds to the same, but planned said Land & drew each man his Right, & since that your petitioners have purchased some of said Land, & the proprietors meetings are all done & the old proprietors are many of them Dead & there is no way that your petitioners can tell where their Land lays—

Therefore your petitioners humbly prays that the Honble Court would take their case into their Wise Consideration & appoint them a committee of One Surveyor & Two Chainmen to run out said Eighteen Rights by metes and bounds, according to the Charter of said Town of Sutton, at the Cost of your petitioners & we as in duty bound will ever pray—

Sutton Jany 1st 1795.

Caleb Kimball	Benjamin Williams	Samuel Kenrick
Oliver French	Dudley Kenrick	Jonathan Stevens
Jonathan Rowell	Jonathan Colbarn	Eph^{m} Morrill

Thomas Rowell	Joseph Flanders	Trustum Stevens
Thomas Wadleigh	Ezekiel Flanders	Caleb Kimball J^{r}
David Coborn		

SWANZEY.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts to Nathaniel Hammond and sixty-three others in 1734, and was called Lower Ashuelot. The first proprietors' meeting was held at Concord, Mass., June 27, 1734. A church was formed, and Rev. Timothy Harrington, a graduate of Harvard college in 1737, was ordained Nov. 4, 1741. In 1747, in consequence of the withdrawal of the guards at Fort Dummer and elsewhere on the frontier, the inhabitants were obliged to leave this settlement and return to Massachusetts; and at Rutland, in that province, the church held a meeting, Oct. 12, 1748, and granted Mr. Harrington a dismissal.

The settlers returned to Lower Ashuelot about three years after leaving it, and commenced anew. In 1753 they employed Col. William Symes to apply to the government of New Hampshire for a grant of the territory and an incorporation of the town. The grant was made July 2, of that year, to Nathaniel Hammond and sixty-one others, and incorporated into a town by the name of Swanzey. One of the grantees was Cæsar Freeman, from whom came the name of Mount Cæsar. The name of the town occurs four times in the record of the charter, and is spelled Swansey in two instances, and Swanzey in the other two. It came from Swansey, Mass., whence came some of the first settlers, and that town was named from Swansea, Wales. The church again organized, and Rev. Ezra Carpenter settled as pastor, Oct. 4, 1753. He was appointed chaplain of the Crown Point expedition in 1757.

On the receipt of the news of the battle at Lexington, of April 19, 1775, the men of Swanzey rallied and marched at daybreak on the 21st to the number of sixty-two, under the command of Col. Joseph Hammond, who was chosen captain for the occasion. Twenty-two of these men enlisted for eight months, and the remainder returned home at the end of thirteen days. At the battle of Bunker Hill, B. Parker

and Thomas Green were wounded—the former mortally. Jonathan Whitcomb commanded a company in Stark's regiment, and Dr. Calvin Frink was surgeon of the same regiment. Corporal Joseph Hammond was in Whitcomb's company. He was one of the men who marched on the 21st of April, and was with his company at Winter Hill, Sept. 11, 1775.

Samuel Wright was appointed first lieutenant in Capt. Gregg's company, Scammell's regiment, April 4, 1777.

Swanzey men in First N. H. regiment:

Joel Andrews, enlisted May 12, 1778; discharged Dec. 31, 1780.

Corp. John Cross, enlisted Jan. 1, 1778; discharged Dec. 31, 1781.

William Frankford, enlisted Jan. 9, 1778; died April 17, 1779.

Silas Simonds, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; discharged Dec. 14, 1780.

Levi Simonds, enlisted Feb. 13, 1778; discharged Dec. 14, 1780.

Joseph Tucker, enlisted Feb. 3, 1778; discharged December, 1780.

Sergt. Amasa Parker and Solomon Hazeltine were in Capt. Benjamin Ellis's company in 1781, and in the First N. H. regiment in 1782.

Joseph Hammond was lieutenant-colonel of Ashley's regiment, and marched with the regiment on the second "Ticonderoga alarm," but being too old for active service he resigned his commission June 14, 1779. He was, however, employed in various ways during the war, acting as mustering officer, and at times in charge of the transportation of supplies to the army at Ticonderoga, etc.

December 11, 1762. a triangular tract of land was severed from Richmond and annexed to this town.

By an act approved Jan. 8, 1794, some territory was severed from the north-east part of the town, and annexed to Marlborough.

December 10, 1812, Thomas Thompson and Thomas Thompson, Jr., with their estates, were severed from this town and annexed to Keene.

A tract was severed from Swanzey June 23, 1815, combined with portions of other towns and erected into the town of Troy.

December 15, 1842, another small tract was severed from this town and annexed to Marlborough.

[10–170] [*Fort Dummer Committee, 1744.*]

These may Certify, That we the Subscribers, Being Chosen by the Inhabitants of Winchester, Lower Ashuelot, Upper-Ashuelot and N° Two to Meet at Fort Dummer on the 20th Day of March 1744 to Act in their Name and Behalf, what we may Judge Expedient Respecting Preferring a Petition or Petitions for help and Protection in this Time of Danger, Have Determined That the Matter be left with Coll° Josiah Willard Esqr Coll° Eben^r^ Hinsdell Esqr, Major Josiah Willard Esqr the Revd Mr Joseph Ashley, Capt James Heaton, and Capt William Symes, to Determine when and in what Manner a Petition or Petitions Shall be Preferred and also which Two of them Shall Prefer the Same, as Witness our hands

Nathl Hammond	Thomas Cresson	thomas chamberlin
Jeremiah Hall	Jethro Wheeler	Ebenezer Force
William Symes	Simon Willard	

[Nathaniel Hammond was a descendant of Thomas of Lavenham, county Suffolk, Eng., whose son William married Elisabeth Penn, June 9, 1605, and came to Watertown, Mass., prior to 1634. His wife came in the ship "Francis," and joined him that year, bringing three of their children, Elizabeth, Sarah, and John. They had nine children in all, of whom the fifth was a son named Thomas, who was baptized Sept. 17, 1618, and was grandfather of Nathaniel, who signed the foregoing report.

Nathaniel Hammond was one of the first settlers of this town, was the father of Col. Joseph, and the ancestor of the Swanzey and Gilsum Hammonds.—Ed.]

[R. 4–69] [*Petition of Timothy Harvey, Soldier, 1778.*]

Whearas Your Petetioner on the 5th Day of march 1776 Inlisted into the Contental Service for the Expedition to Canada Under the Command of Capt Wait in Col Bedles Regement and March^d^ to Canada and being Ordered into a Company Commanded by Capt Esterbrooks we March^d^ to the Cedars where Your Petetioner Among the rest was Deliv'd up to the Enemy by which means your Petetioner Suffered Greatly and had the

following Articles taken from me by the Indians viz a Gun & Bayonet, which then Cost me Three pounds: also a Belt and Bullet pouch 8^{s}/ a Cartridge Box 5^{s}/6 one Woolen Shirt 12^{s}/ 1 p^{r} shoes 8^{s}/6 1 p^{r} Leggins 5^{s}/ 1 Good Blanket 15^{s}/ a Large Powder horn 2^{s}/6^{d} 1 Tomahawk 2^{s}/5—Said Articles Amounting in the Whole to £5–18–11^{d}–0 and I would humbly pray your honours to make as much Allowance to your Pettetioner as you Shall think Just also that the Above Articles would as Money now is Cost more than Three Times the Sum as Aforesaid—which if your Honours please to Grant Your pettetioner as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Timothy Harvey

Swanzey Feb^{r} 5th 1778

[10–171] [*Lieut. Col. Joseph Hammond's Resignation, 1779.*]

Swanzey June 14th 1779

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire

Gentlemen

I Beg leave to Inform you that it is my Earnest Desire to Resign the Trust Reposed in me as a Lieut Colonel of the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the State of New Hampshire and I do now by these Presents make a full Resignation of the Said Trust and office of Lieut. Colonel, and pray that the Same may be Ratified by the Honorable General Court—

I have the Honor to be your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Joseph Hammond Lieut Col^{o}

To the Hon Meshech Weare Esqr to be communicated to the Hon. Gen: Assembly

State of New Hamp^{r} In the House of Representatives June 18th: 1779—

Voted. That the resignation of Lieu^{t} Col^{l} Joseph Hammond as Lieutenant Colonel of the sixth Regiment of Militia in this State be and hereby is accepted, & that he receive the thanks of this house for his good services in that Station

Sent up for Concurrence—

John Dudley—Speaker pro tem^{e}

In Council June 19th 1779 read and Concurred

E Thomposn Sec^{ry}

[R. 4–70] [*Relative to Moses Belding, Soldier, 1778.*]

Swanzey, State of New-Hampshire Aug. 17th 1778

This may Certify whom it may concern that Lieut. Moses Belding in the Continental Service has been in a bad state of Health since he had the small Pox whereby he has been Disenabled from Returning to his Regiment and has been ever since that time under my care in the Medical way

Per Calvin Frink Physician

[R. 4–71] [*Soldier's Certificate, 1781.*]

This may Certify that Noah Parkis Hath Due on my Role for his Service at the Northard last year Seven Hundred and Six pounds ten Shillings Contiantalmoney which was made up only at Sixty Seven for one of Two pounds pr month for a private

Ephraim Stone

Keen August 10th 1781

To the Town of Swanzey or whom it may Consern

[The name should be Noah Parkhurst.—Ed.]

[R. 4–72] [*Petition from some Soldiers: addressed to the General Court, Dec., 1782.*]

The Petition of Antipas How, Andrew Nichols and Joshua Jewett Prime all of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire in the state of New-Hampshire—

Humbly sheweth

That your petitioners, did in the Year of our Lord 1779 Inlist as private Soldiers in the Continental Service, for one Year then next ensuing, and did Actually and faithfully perform one Years Service in the present War, and were Discharged from said service in June 1780, for which said Service your Petitioners have never yet Received any wages, either from the Continent or this state, and we Humbly apprehend that we are Justly entitled to a Reward for our services equal to others in the same predicament—

your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that this Honorable Court would take the Premises into their consideration, and

grant us your Petitioners such a Competent Reward for our said services as in your Wisdom you shall think proper—

And as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Antipas How
Andrew Nichols
Joshua Jewett Prime

[R. 4-73] [*Soldiers' Orders, 1784.*]

Swanzey October 15th 1784

To the Paymaster of the State of New Hampshire

Sir—Please to pay to Mjr Elisha Whitcomb all the Wages and Depreciation that is due to me for My Servise in the Continental Army in the Years 1777 & 1778 and his Receipt Shall be a Discharge from me in full

Moses Belding

[He was a lieutenant in Capt. William Ellis's company, Scammell's regiment, and was discharged Sept. 1, 1778. In H. of Rep., October 10, 1784, his pay was made up to that date.—Ed.]

[R. 4-76]

Swanzey October 1784.

To the Paymaster of the State of New-Hampshire,

please to pay to Mjr Elisha Whitcomb the whole of the wages that is due to Noah Parkhurst for his Servise in Capt Stone's Company, at Coos, for the Term of Six Months; and his Receipt Shall be a Discherge in full from

James Adams Administrator

Attest Isaac Hammond

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[R. 4-77] [*Thomas Green, Bunker Hill Soldier.*]

The petition of Thomas Green of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire in said state—

Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner in the Year 1775 at the Commencement of Hostilities between Great Britain and America Inlisted as a private Soldier in defence of his Country in Capt Scotts Company, and Col Stark's Regiment, and that on the Memorable 17th of June 1775 your Petitioner was called to Action at Bun-

kers-Hill, in which Battle he Received a Wound by a Musket Ball entering his Left Shoulder, whereby he was for a long time totally Disabled from any Labour, and is to this Day unable to do much Hard Labour, and having no other means of Subsistance for himself and Family but by Husbandry, & on a new Tract of Land, renders his Worldly Circumstances very Indigent—

Your Petitioner some Years since made Application to the Genearal Court of this state, and was allowed Wages as a Garrison Soldier for one year but being in Paper Currency and not received till some considerable Time afterwards was of very little Value by reason of Depreciation, since that Time your Petitioner has been (as he is informed) struck out of the List of such Soldiers which Received pay as fit for Garrison Duty—while others in like Circumstances still Receive something from the state, as a Compensation for their past Sufferings

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly prays that your Honors would take the matter into consideration and Grant him such Releif as in your Wisdom you shall think proper—

And as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Thoˢ Green

Swanzey June 11 1785

State of New-Hampshire, Swanzey June 11th 1785

We the Subscribers, do hereby Certify that the above said Thomas Green was wounded at the Battle of Bunkers Hill in the Year 1775, and that the wound he then Received is now broke open and become a Running Ulcer, and would Humbly Recomend him as an Object Worthy of the Hon. the General Courts Attention—

Elkanah Lane } Selectmen
Elisha Scott } of Swanzey
Calvin Frink Surgeon

[In H. of Rep., June 16, 1785, *Voted*, that he be allowed eighteen shillings per month until further orders.—Ed.]

[10–172] [*Petition of Joseph Hammond: addressed to the General Court, Dec. 13, 1786.*]

The Petition of Joseph Hammond of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire Gentleman, Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioner (on the Twenty first Day of April 1775) was Chosen Captain of the Company of Meletia in Swanzey and on said Day Marched the Greater part of Said Company (viz)

one Lieutennant one Ensign 4 Sergents 4 Corporals and 52 Privats—In Defence of the Country against the British Troops your Petitioner and his Company Marched to Cambridge where we ware Stationed for one Week and until properly discharged. of Said Company there was 22 Men who Inlisted for Eight Months and drew pay from their first Marching but the whole of Said Company who did not Inlist altho they ware in the Service of the State 13 Days and Cheafly on their own expence have never yet Received any Reward for said Service

your Petitioner therefore in behalf of himself and his Men Most Humbly prays this Hon^{bl} Body to take the Matter into their Wise consideration and Grant both him and them a Reward for their Service equal to what others have had for like Servises

and as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Joseph Hammond Capt

[10–173] [*Selectmen's Statement of Affairs: addressed to the General Court, 1781.*]

The Selectmen of the town of Swanzey in behalf of themselves and the Town Humbly shew—

That under the Present unhappy Situation of our affairs in this part of the State, when most in many and many in all the Towns have Revolted from under the Government and Jurisdiction of the State, bidding defiance to the Authority and Laws of the same; Absolutely Refusing to pay Taxes, or to contribute any thing in any way or manner towards Raising men for the Continental Army or Providing Supplies for the same—We find it Extreemly Difficult for us to Comply with the Requisitions of the State for altho' the greatest part of the People in this Town Remain firm in their Allegiance to the state; Utterly averse to the late and present factious and Seditious conduct of a great (if not the greatest) part of the People in this Western part of the State, Yet our affairs are extreemly Embarrassed, for if Taxes are Assessed they cannot be Collected, as some will Refuse to pay, and if Constables or Collectors should Distrain Such Delinquents for their Rates, mobs would Arise, and perhaps the power of the State of Vermont would be employed for their protection—

We have exerted ourselves as much as we could in order to Raise our Quota of Men for the Continental Army and Also for Six Months, but have not been able to compleat the former, nor to Raise any part of the latter, which Inability is owing principally if not Solely to the confused Situation of this part of the

State: And unless Something can be done for our Assistance it will be Absolutely Impossible for us to Raise Men or money for the Service of the State—

We consider ourselves as Subjects of the state of New Hampshire, and are firmly Resolved to persist in our Allegiance, and expect the protection of the State, without which we shall not be able to stand against the opposition that will be made—

We Humbly pray that your Honors would take the matter into your Wise consideration, and make Such provision for our protection and Safety as that we may not be Obliged to Yield to unreasonable men and Measures—

Thos Applin
Calvin Frink
Elijah Belding
Isaac Hammond
Elisha Whitcomb
} Selectmen of Swanzey

Swanzey June 9th 1781

[R. 4–79] [*Dispute concerning Amasa Parker, 1786.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire in Said State

Humbly Sheweth

That whereas there has heretofore Arisen a Dispute Between the Towns of Swanzey and Winchester concerning Amasa Parker a Man who has been a Soldier in the Continental Army in the late War, and whereas the Said Town of Winchester Claims the said Amasa Parker as a Man Inlisted for one of Said Towns quota of Men for Said Service, which your Petitioners Humbly conceive is an unjust Claim, as the Said Amasa was an Inhabitant of and Hired into Said Service by the Town of Swanzey During the War. Your Petitioners conceive that the said Town of Winchester has no just Right to any Allowance for said Parkers Service in said War, which your Petitioners expect they are able to prove and verify. Your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that this Honorable Body would take the Premises into your Consideration and Allow the whole of said Parkers Service to the Town of Swanzey—

And as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray

Henry Morse
Elkanah Lane junr
} Selectmen of Swanzey

[R. 4-80] [*Winchester claims Amasa Parker.*]

The Petition of Simon Willard in behalf of the town of Winchester Humbly Shows that Amasa Parker and Sam[ll] Epison and Moses Powers Was hired into the Continantal Sarvice by the town of Winchester Which they have not been Credited for, and for Which Reason their is Extants against the town for Defisiency of Soalders and your Petitioner Prays your Honours to take his Case into your Wise Consideration and Alow the town of Winchester Credit for those three men on their Extant that is against them or grant them Such Releafe as your honours Shall in your Wisdom See fit

As in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Simon Willard

Winchester January 24: 1786

[R. 4-81] [*Parker's Receipt for Bounty.*]

I reec[d] of Jonathan Whitcomb three pound Lawful Money as a hire for Inlesting During the wor In the firs[t] New Hampshare Reg[t] and Do promis to Sarve for the Town of Swanzey During Said Term—

Amasa Parker Serg[t]

Jany 15th 1780—

[R. 4-82] [*Deposition concerning a Soldier.*]

I William Temple of Lawfull age tistifye and Sai that in the year 1779 I wen into the Contanental Servis as Solder and that Sam[ll] Epperson was hired by the Town of Winchester at the Same time and went into the Servic with me and was in the Servic a Cording to the Best of my Remembrance Six month and then went into Col[l] Hasons Reg[t] as I afterwards under Stood

William Temple

[Sworn to Feb. 3, 1786, before Reuben Alexander.—Ed.]

[R. 4-83] [*Certificate of the Muster Master.*]

Walpole March 16th 1778

This may certify that Amasa Parker, Pelatiah Razey and

John Woolley have been Mustered and entered upon the Rolls for the Town of Winchester

Pr Tho Sparhawk M. Master

Amasa Parker
John Woolley
pelatiah Rezy

[Said Parker enlisted in Capt. Wm. Ellis's Co. Feb. 28, 1778, during the war. In H. of Rep., March 2, 1786, it was decided that he should be credited to Swanzey. At the same time Moses Powers was credited to Winchester. —Ed.]

[R. 4–86] [*Jonathan Woodcock, Soldier.*]

These may Certify whome it may concern, that we the Subscribers, being a Committee appointed by the Town of Swanzey, to procure Soldiers for the Continental Army, in the Yer 1778, did agree with Mr Jonathan Woodcock, to Inlist into Said Army for the Term of two Years, from Some time in February 1778 and we never agreed with, or Engaged him for any longer Time

Samuel Hills
Joseph Hammond } Committee

[Sworn to before Calvin Frink, Jan. 30, 1786.]

[R. 4–88] [*Deposition relative to Jonathan Woodcock.*]

I Moses Belding of Swanzey of Lawful Age do Testify and say—That I was a Leu^t^ in the Continental Army and was at home in February in the Year 1778 to Collect Recrutes for the Service in which Time I went with a number of Soldiers newly Inlisted (Some by my Self and others by Capt William Ellis) to have them Mustered at Walpole all of which was Inlisted for the Term of two Years only amongst Said Soldiers was Jonathan Woodcock of Swanzey Said Jonathan Woodcock was Inlisted by the S^d^ Capt Wm Ellis, and I have often heard the Said Capt Ellis Say that he Inlisted the said Woodcock to Serve the Term of two Years and no longer and further Saith not

Moses Belding

[Sworn to before Calvin Frink, Jan. 30, 1786.—Ed.]

[R. 4–89] [*Relative to Bounties paid to Soldiers: addressed to the General Court, 1788.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen of Swanzey in said State

Humbly Sheweth

That in the time of the late war with Great Britain the Town of Swanzey was called on by the Legislature of this State for their Quota of Men for the Continental Army and in the Year 1782 the said Town Hired John Nicholson and John Bemas for said Service During the war, and the said Men were Accepted by the Committee of Safety of this State as part of said Town's Quota of Soldiers for said Service, but the Committee on Claims Refused to Certify that the Bounty was due to the s^{d} Town as Promised by An Act of the General Court by reason of the said Men's not being Mustered in this State, which Bounty the said Town has never yet received nor any part thereof— Your Petitioners therefore in Behalf of said Town Humbly pray that your Honours would take the aforesaid matter into your consideration and Grant the said Bounties with the Interest thereon to the said Town of Swanzey—

And as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray—

Calvin Frink
Isaac Hammond
Joseph Dickinson
} Selectmen of Swanzey

[The town was allowed £20 for Nicholson.—Ed.]

[R. 4–91] [*Certificate relative to foregoing.*]

Exeter Feby 4, 1788—

It appears by the Books that John Nicholson & John Bemis were allowed by the Committee of Safety as Soldiers for the Town of Swanzey in the Year 1782 It does not appear by any Books or returns when they were musterd

J Gilman

[R. 4–92] [*Deposition relative to foregoing.*]

I Solomon Hazeltine of Lawful Age Testify and say that I was a Soldier in the Continental Service in the late War, and I was well knowing that one John Bemas was a Soldier in said Service in Capt Benjamin Ellis's Company and Col. Dearborn's Regiment which said Bemas I was inform'd was inlisted during

the War and I understood that he was return'd for the Town of Swanzey in the State of New-Hampshire

And farther saith not

Solomon Hazeltine

[Sworn to before Calvin Frink, Jan. 14, 1788.—Ed.]

[R. 4-93]

[Jonathan Wooley stated that he was in Capt. Wm. Ellis's company in 1777, and was wounded in a battle with Burgoyne's troops, October 7th. He was pensioned, but removing to Thomlinson, Vt., in 1787; had not received anything for four years. He asked to have his arrearages made up to him.—Ed.]

[10-174] [*Bill for pasturing Government Cattle.*]

Swanzey December 20th 1789

Capt John Jannison Collecter of Beef Dr to the Selectmen of Swanzey for Pasturing Beef Cattel as followeth (viz)

For pasturing thirty one Head of Beef cattel from the 16th Day of July till the 7th of September being Seven Weeks and four Days at nine pence pr Head pr week—	£8-16-4
For pasturing Nine head 2 weaks and four Days (viz) from the Seventh of Septr till the 25 Do—	0-16-6
For Pasturing thirty two Head from the 25 of Septr till the 11th of Octr being two weeks and two Days—	0-14-9
For Pasturing Twenty two Head of Beef Cattel from the 11th of Octr till the first Day of Novemr being three weeks—	2- 9-6
For keeping one Beef Creture from the first Day of Novr till the 16th of December being Six weeks at 9d pr week	0- 4-6
	13- 1-7

Joseph Dickinson
David Belding Junr
Calvin Frink
} Selectmen of Swanzey

[10–175] [*Vote relative to Articles of Confederation.*]

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Swanzey Octr 13th 1783

Voted With Respect to the Proposed Alteration of the Eighth Article of the Confederation of the United States it is the Opinion of this Town that each State Ought to be Taxed in proportion to the Wealth of each State, but whether Numbering the Persons or taking the Value of the Land According to Any mode of Valuation that is Practicable be the best way to Ascertain the Wealth of each State we are by no means Able to Determine: and do therefore confide in the Wisdom and Justice of the Legislature of this State to Act in that Respect as they shall think most Just and Equitable—

Extract from the Minutes

Attest Calvin Frink Town Clerk

[10–176] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Swanzey December 10th 1783

We the Subscribers do hereby Certify that According to the Best of our knowledge there is in the Town of Swanzey one Hundred and Eighty two Male Polls of Twenty one Years of Age and upwards paying for themselves a Poll Tax—

Isaac Hammond } Selectmen
David Belding Junr } of Swanzey

[Sworn to before C. Frink, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[10–177] [*Relative to Beef Tax, 1784: addressed to the General Court, February, 1785.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Swanzey in said state for the Year 1784

Humbly sheweth

That whereas in the Year 1781 the General Court of this State Ordered and directed the Selectmen of said Swanzey. to Assess the Inhabitants of said Town, their Quota of Beef for the Continental Army, which was accordingly done, and the greatest part of said Beef was paid by said Inhabitants, Yet some were delinquent Refusing to pay their State Tax, Occasioned principally by the Union of the Grants (so called) with

Vermont by reason of which, agreably to an Act of the General Court said Swanzey was Ordered to pay the Deficiency of said Tax and a fine for their Delinquency, both of which amounting to £137 which the Treasurer of this State by his Warrant directed to the Selectmen of said Town has ordered to be Assessed, which has not yet been complied with Because your petitioners think it very unjust to Assess Levy and Collect the aforesaid Sum of those Persons who paid their Tax in due Time and your Petitioners have no Warrant to Assess said Sum on those that were Delinquent, and dare not venture to Assess said Sum either on the whole or part of the Inhabitants, lest it should make great confusion, murmuring and Complaining among the People of Said Town—Your Petitioners therefore, most Humbly and earnestly pray that this Honorable Body would take the above stated Case into their Serious consideration and make such Order thereon, as in their Wisdom they shall think most Just and Equitable—

And as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

David Belding } Selectmen and Assessors
Isaac Hammond } of Swanzey

[10-178] [*Relative to Beef Tax: addressed to the General Court, December 13, 1786.*]

The Selectmen of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire humbly beg leave to lay before this Honourable Body their Embarrassments as to Assessing the Doomage for this Towns Deficiency of Beef in the Year 1781—your Petitioners immediately on Receiving Orders for collecting Said Beef, Assessed the Inhabitents of Swanzey, Seting the Beef at twenty Seven Shillings p^{r} Hundred weight, and as your Petitioners ware Sensible of the Importance of the Order of Court being complied with, they exarted themselves and Collected a considerable part of the Beef by the Set time; and would undoubtedly Collected the whole, had it not been for a number of Political Heriticks in this and Adjacent Towns, who by their Instigations and artful insinuations Shook the Allegiancy (of the ignorant and unprincipaled part of the community) from the State of New Hampshire and Attached them to the usurped State of Vermont and the Imbecillity of Government was so great at that Day that your Petitioners thought it not wise to compel or use Coercive measures with those who would not freely pay their proportion of Said tax, and Since the Energy of Government has increased, and this Town has been caled upon to pay Said Tax with a Doomage, the Selectmen have taken up the Matter, and finde

it Difficult if not Impossable to make an Assessment for said Doomage in any way which will not blow up an unquenchable fire in this Town—for if we Should Assess it on the Delinquants only, who in Justice Ought to pay the Same we Should in so doing do injustice for a Number of said Delinquants are Removed out of this Town and consiquently out of the Reach of an Assessment: and should an Assessment be made on the whole Town, it would be to make the Righteous be as the Wicked which the Patriarch of the Hebrews Saith is far from the Almighty

Your Petitioners therefore most Humbly pray this Honourable Body to take the Matter into their wise Consideration and either except of the twenty Seven Shillings on the Hundred weight which is already Assessed and which may be Collected without Deficulty; or Direct Your Petitioners in what manner to proceed that they may escape the Publick Odium

And as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray

Isaac Hammond } Selectmen
Calvin Frink } of Swanzey

[In H. of Rep., January 16, 1787, voted that "as there is great difficulty respecting the assessment for the deficiency of Beef in the Town of Swanzey the Treasurer be directed, so far as respects said Beef Tax, to stay the Extent against said Town until the first Wednesday of June next."—Ed.]

[10–179] [*Instructions to Representative relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

At a Meeting of the inhabitants of Swanzey in the County of Cheshire and State of New-Hampshire August 28th 1786—

Voted to Choose a Committee to give instructions to the Representative of said Town, for the Rule of Conduct, at the next Session of the General Court Respecting the Emission of paper Money

To Mr Abraham Randall Representative of the Town of Swanzey—

Sir Your constituents Reposing confidence in your integrity, ability, and Zeal for the publick good, Chose you to Represent them in the General Assembly of this State the present year—This is a Day we are sensible when the greatest Wisdom, patriotism firmness, Unanimity Publick Spirit and freedom, detached from Selfish and Mercenary views are requisite, and ought to be the governing principles in all our Publick Coun-

cils—We therefore having a Constitutional Right so to do, think it expedient to express our Sentiments to you respecting our distressed Situation for want of a Circulating Medium, We therefore instruct you to use your influence in the Assembly, that as soon as may be, there be an Emission of paper Currency, as being in Our Opinion the best, Remedy left us, for Releif, and it is the minds of your constituents, that, the Emission of paper Currency, be applied Solely for the purpose of Redeeming the State Securities, which we conceive will be a great easment, by stopping the interest of those Securities, but we mean not to dictate the General Court but only to hint our desires, confiding in the Wisdom of the Legislature of this state, if they shall see fit to Issue a paper Medium, that it be Emitted on such foundation as they shall think best for the Community—

Henry Morse
David Belding Junr } Committee in the Name and behalf of the Town

[For legislative action, see Vol. XI, p. 130.—Ed.]

[10–183] [*Petition from Sundry Inhabitants to be annexed to Marlborough, 1793.*]

We the Subscribers being Inhabitants of the Town of Swanzey. Humbly Sheweth, That we live in a remote corner of said Town of Swanzey about five miles & a half from the Centre of said Town which is attended with great difficulty for us to attend public Worship as well as other public meetings, and we can be much better accommodated by being annexed to the Town of Marlborough, the distance being but about two miles & one quarter to the Meeting-house, and as we have got the consent of the Town of Swanzey as your honours will be favourd with attested by the Town Clerk, and also the Vote of the Town of Marlborough to receive us. We therefore pray your Hon^{rs} that we may be taken from the Town of Swanzey and annexed to the Town of Marlborough & your Petitioners in Duty Bound will ever pray—

John Harvey
Kimber Harvey
Samuel Stearns
Timothy Harvey

Swanzey May ye 29th 1793

State of New Hampshire—

At a Legal meeting of the Town of Marlborough on the 13th

Day of March 1792—On the Petition of John Harvey and others of Swanzey praying to be annexed to the Town of Marlborough,

Voted to receive them,

this Copied from the Town Records—

Marlborough May 29th AD 1793

Ebenezer Temple Town Clerk

We the Subscribers in behalf of the Town of Marlborough pray your Honours that the prayer of the Petitioners may be granted—

Reuben Ward, Andrew Phillips, Moses Tucker } Select men of Marlborough

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[10–181] [*Consent of Swanzey to foregoing.*]

State of New-Hampshire

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Swanzey on the fifth Day of March A D. 1793—

Whereas Mr John Harvey and others Inhabitants of Swanzey have requested the Town that they would vote that they and their lands may be annexed to the Town of Marlborough, Repsenting that they live much more convenient to Marlborough Meeting house than to Swanzey & The Town having considered of the said request think the same to be reasonable,—Therefore

Voted That Messrs John Harvey, Kimber Harvey and Samuel Stearns, and the lands whereon they dwell and the lands belonging to Mr Timothy Harvey, be set off from the Town of Swanzey and Annexed to the Town of Marlborough, said Tract of land lies in the Northeastwardly part of Said Swanzey, and is the most Northwardly point of that gore of Land which was sett off from Richmond to Swanzey, and is bounded as follows viz. beginning at a heap of Stones being the Southeast corner of the Town of Keene then runs on said Keene West 8 degrees North 32 rods to the Old corner of Swanzey, then runs South 34 degrees West on Swanzey Old line 418 rods to a White pine tree, then runs East 20 degrees 30 Minutes South, on Common Land, 212 rods to a stake and stones in the patent line, then runs on the patent line North 9 degrees 30 m East 418 rods to the first mentioned Corner containing Three Hundred and five Acres—

A True Copy

Attest Calvin Frink Town Clerk

Swanzey March 11th 1793—

[The petition was granted, the territory set off, and annexed to Marlborough January 8, 1794.—Ed.]

[10–184 is a plan of the land set off.—Ed.]

TAMWORTH.

The township was granted October 14, 1766, to Lieut. John Webster and others in sixty-eight equal shares. At that time the south line of the town was the "supposed head line of Mason's Patent;" but the "curve line," as established subsequently, crosses the north-west corner, taking in the entire town. William Eastman, Richard Jackman, David Philbrick, and Jonathan Choate were the first settlers in 1771. Governor Wentworth's reservation was in the south-west corner of the town.

A committee was appointed by the legislature, February 22, 1785, to establish the line between this town and Sandwich. The committee's decision was to be final.

January 10, 1796, a committee was appointed to fix the lines between this town and the towns of Burton and Eaton. The decision was to be final.

The matter came up again, however, and another committee was appointed December 23, 1808, to establish the lines between the towns of Sandwich, Tamworth, Eaton, and Burton, and report to the legislature.

By an act approved January 13, 1837, some territory was severed from Ossipee and annexed to this town; and the same was severed from Tamworth and annexed to Ossipee June 25, 1859.

[10–185] [*Answer to Sandwich Petition relative to Illegal Election of Representative, 1776.*]

The joint & seperate Answer of the Subscribers, legal Inhabitants paying Tax, in the Towns of Moultonborough & Tamworth in S^{d} State; unto a certain Petition, Memorial & Remonstrance, of the Inhabitants of Sandwich now filed on the Records of this Honble Court,—Unto which Remonstrance we hum-

bly pray this our Answer & Depositions in Support thereof may be annexed as part & parcel of the same Record, in & by which Answer we your Respondents humbly shew, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of Sandwich aforesaid is a false and Scandalous Libel against many Respectable Inhabitants of Moultonb^{o} & Tamworth aforesaid as well as against the Gentleman they have chosen to represent them in this Honble Court—; & that the same was apparently fabricated as a base & insidious Subterfuge to cover the Perfidy of the Select Men of said Sandwich, who after it was publickly known & even acknowledged by themselves, that Jonathan Moulton Esqr was legally & fairly chosen to represent said Towns in general Assembly, did nevertheless afterwards refuse to make a true & proper Return upon their Precept, in Order to deprive the said Moulton of a Seat in this Honble House, as well as to deprive the Inhabitants of Moultonborough & Tamworth, of the Right of Representation so precious to Americans & even of acting their own Minds as free Agents which God & Nature has given evry Man.—

Wherefore the Subscribers as aforesaid Shew, & in Answer to the several particulars assignd as Reasons in the said Libel furthermore say.—

1st That the said Moulton is possessed of a large Interest in s^{d} Towns of more than five times the Value of the Estates of all the Inhabitants of said Sandwich & has many Country Seats within said Towns of Moultonborough & Tamworth at which he usually resides much of his Time.—

2^{ly} We deny that said Moulton or any of his Friends made any Entertainments or distributed any Victuals or Liqors with the least View of obtaining Votes for him; But on the close of the Day of Election the Inhabitants of Moultonborough & Tamworth being from their own Homes, procured such Refreshment as they wanted at their own Cost & Charge, in a Sober & peacible Manner—And the whole Business of the Day & proceeding Evening was Calm & without any other Bussle than the Select Men of Sandwich made by themselves by putting one another under Arrest for Misbehavour—

3^{ly} We say that exclusive of all Proxies or seald Votes from absent persons, there were a majority of seven Voters present for Col^{o} Moulton and no Objection made at that Time to the legallity of any of them & therefore there was no Occasion to make Use of any absent persons Votes, which were sent in because a like practice was made Use of last Year, when one of said Select Men of Sandwich was elected Representative—

4^{ly} We say that no person to our Knowledge from by or for said Moulton ever procured or offered any Vote or Proxy from any person, who did not order, consent & assent thereunto—

5ly We say the Moderator of said Meeting never appeared so friendly to sd Moulton as even to put in any Vote himself, much more to shew any partiality to his Cause, neither was the Meeting dissolved untill the Choice was fairly declared & even acquiesced in by the select Men of Sandwich themselves—

All which we are ready to aver & prove—and humbly beg liberty to thank this Honble Court for the Liberty granted us of another Choice, which we doubt not will decide the Matter now in Contest but as the same Difficulty is ever likely to remain, so long as any Captious select men of Sandwich, find themselves dissapointed in their own ambitious Views—that we may be further relieved according to Equity & good Conscience, We humbly pray the Interposition of this Honble Court, and that those Officious select men of Sandwich may be reprimanded for their aforesaid Conduct for the following among other Reasons—

First, Because we humbly conceive it to be altogether unreasonable—that when a free people have made a free Choice of their Representative, that it shoud ever be in the Power of any person who may have Influence enough to cajole or Intimidate any weak select men & thereby deprive such Representative of his seat & such free People of their Priviledges—

2ly Because if when any person has been once fairley elected a Member of this Honble Court by any Town—If it is in the power of the Minority or any litigious person in sd Town to have a New Election when & as often as they please, there are too many such persons to be found in every Town, who woud gladly have Elections Time after Time untill they cou'd crawl in themselves—

3ly Because, tho' your Honours have granted us Liberty to manifest our Opinion of the said Election by a new Choice, yet the aforesaid Libel remains on file to the great prejudice of many of your present petitioners whose Characters are therein impeached

And that this our Answer to the same Libel of them the Inhabitants of said Sandwich may remain as aforesaid on the Files of this Honble Court—And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray—

Moultonborough Decr 31 1776

Ebenezer Cowles	James Flagg	Joseph Richardson
Abiael Stevens	Ebenr Blake	Bradbury Richardson
Phinehas Stevens	Benja Kimball	
David Folsom	Jona Philbrick	David Bean
Nathaniel Ambos	Jona Chevit	Obadiah Brown
James Brown	Stephen mason	Amos Whipple
James Jackson	Daniel Ames	Ebenezer meloon

Elias Smith
Jonathan Moulton
Nathan Hoit
Joseph Chandler
Stephen Adams
James mason
Phinehas Graves
Sam[ll] Kalley
Jacob Brown
John glines
William Page
Nathan[l] Shannon
Wm his × mark Vittum
William Evans
John his × mark Wallace
James his × mark Danforth
Ephraim Hacket
Timothy Medar
John Sanderson
Ebenezer Clarke
Amos sanborn
Achra Penniman
Jona Penniman
Ezekiel moulton
Obadiah Dudy
Alexader magoon
Enoch Blake
Israel Glines
Enoch sanderson
Richard ——
James Head
Jonathan Burges
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William Plaisted
Levi Drew
Elisha Cumings
John Boynton
Isaac Cummings
James Gorden
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[See Sandwich papers, *ante*.—Ed.]

[10–186] [*Relative to State Tax, 1778.*]

To the Hon[ble] Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened—

The petition William Eastman, Timothy Medar Bradbury Jewell, Select Men of Tamworth, for and in behalf of said Town Humbly shew, that in the Year 1777—when the Inventory of this Town was sent to the General Court, there were the following Persons and their Estates inventoried Viz[t] Joshua Nickerson, Joshua Nickerson Jun[r] Reuben Nickerson, Daniel Ames, Daniel Ames Jun[r] Jon[a] Burges, James Danforth, Menoah Ellis and John Cooley—which persons lived without the Lines of Tamworth, upon a Grant of Land granted to Jonathan Moulton Esq[r] which persons in our said Inventory were expressed as such, but as the said persons were settled for Tamworth, always called and reckond as such the General Court included them in the proportion of Taxes for this Town, agreeable to which the Select-Men of Tamworth rated them for their equal proportion of the State Tax for the Years 1777, and 1778—which amounted to Twenty Three pounds Twelve Shillings, and duly called upon those persons for the same by the Collector of this Town, which they refused to pay alledging that they cou'd not legally be obliged to pay it, which we humbly conceive to be the Case as the Land whereon those persons live, has for about one Year past been incorporated into the Town of Moultonborough, and as Moultonborough's proportion of Tax has not been enlarged

on Account of those persons, since the said Incorporation, the Select Men of Moultonborough have not called upon them for the State Tax or any other Tax whatever—so that their falling into Moultonborough cannot be urged as a reasonable Excuse for their not paying the Taxes here inasmuch as they are not called upon by any other place than this Town to pay Taxes—We do aver that the abovenamed persons were rated no more than their just proportion of the Tax agreeable to an Inventory given to the Select Men by themselves—As it woud be a great Hardship to the Inhabitants of this Town to pay the Tax for the abovenamed persons as well as their own Taxes we humbly pray your Honble Court either to Discount the said sum of £23, 12s on our State Tax the current Year, or fully enable this Town to collect the same of the said Joshua Nickerson, Joshua Nickerson Junr Reuben Nickerson, Daniel Ames, Daniel Ames Junr Jonathan Burges, James Danforth, Menoah Ellis and John Crowley, and that a just Deduction in our proportion of Taxes for Time to come be made on Account of the aforesaid persons falling without this Town into the Town of Moultonough & your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Tamworth 31st Octr 1778—

william Eastman, Timothy Medar, Bradbury Jewell } Selectmen of Tamworth

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[10–188] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Tamworth 8th of December 1783

Pursuant to an act of the general assembley of this State Directed to us the Select men of S^{d} tamworth to Return an account of all the male Polls of twenty one years old & upwards Paying a Poole tax for themselves, within said town have taken an Exact account thereof—and find them to be fifty three

David Gilman, Timothy Medar } Select men

[Sworn to before D. Beede, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[R. 4–94] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

To the Paymaster of Capt Jacob Smiths Company of Militia in the year 1781—

Sir Please to pay Ben. I. Gilman or order all that is due to

me I having been a Soldier in the aforesaid Company for the Town of Tamworth—Value Rec[d] Witness my hand

Joseph Eaton Keniston

Attest Moses Jewett 19 Jany. £6–2–0

[R. 4–95] To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire

S[r] Please to Pay William Eastman all the wages that is Due to me for six months service in the Contenantal army, as a Privat Solder in Col[o] Reads Rig[t] & Cap[t] Dustens Company, his Receipt shall be a full Discharge from your humble Servant—

Tamworth 12th June 1784

his

Attest Nicholas + Kinestone

mark

David Gilman William Easman

[R. 4–96] Tamworth June 23th 1784

To the paymaster of the New Hampshire Six Months Men for the year 1780—For Value rec[d] please to pay M[r] Joseph S. Gilman or order all the Wages, Bounty, Interest or whatever may be due to me for my services—I having been a six Months Man for the Town of New market in the year 1780.

his

Witness my Hand David × Kinerson

mark

Witness Israel Gilman David Jewett

[R. 4–97] [*Certificate of Bounty Paid.*]

Exeter April 24th 1786

The Bounty advanced by the Town of Tamworth to Joseph Ames a Soldier for one year in 1779 is £7, 10—, which has been deducted from his depreciation—

Josiah Gilman Jur.
one of the Committee

[10–191] [*Selectmen's Statement relative to Taxation, etc., 1793.*]

The petition of the Selectmen of Tamworth humbly sheweth, that whareas your petitioners are now called upon to return an inventory in order for a new proportion—but the unsattled

situation of affairs in the Town renders it impossible for us to make an inventory with any correctness. the lines of the Town being unsettled lays s^d^ Town under many disadvantages,—when the last valuation was taken about one quarter part of our inhabatants on the east part of the Town petitioned the General Court that they might pay taxes to Eaton until the lines of the Towns whare sattled, and s^d^ Court for reasons unknoun to us, set of s^d^ petitioners which consisted of one mile and a half from us and put them to Eaton, without giving us an opportunity of shewing cause if any we had why the prayer of S^d^ petitioners should not be granted, which we sopose very singular:—the above being taken from us, leaves us but four and a half miles East and West in stead of Six, as may be made to appear by the plan of the Town, and as the s^d^ Town the last year was at a great expence in sattleing a minister, and are now at a further expence in building a house for public worship, your honours may naturaly sopose that s^d^ Town stands in need of all its inhabitants—we therefore humbly pray s^d^ Town may have the privelidge of their former inhabetants until s^d^ lines are sattled, or be inlarged some other way—and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

Tamworth May 28th 1793

Benjn Gilman
Edward Hayford } Select Men
George Dodge

[10-193] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to settle disputed Lines: addressed to the General Court, June, 1796.*]

Humbly Sheweth Thomas Cogswell, Thomas Leavitt, John Hale and Bradbury Cilley Agents for and in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township of Tamworth and Winthrop Smart Jacob Blasdel and John Banfill, Agents for and in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township of Eaton, And Moses Center Henry Weed and Orlando Weed, Agents for And in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township of Burton, all in the State of New Hampshire,—That on the 14th of October A D 1766 the Township of Tamworth was Granted And Soon after the Township of Eaton was Granted to Join on the East Side of Tamworth and Burton on the North That various disputes have Arissen on the part of Eaton relative to the East line of Tamworth, and on the North by Burton relative to the North line of Tamworth, that it Appearing to your Petitioners there is Land

Sufficient to Complet the above mentioned Grants, According to the true intent and Meaning of the Same, And from a Desier to put an end to Altercation and Lawsuits, we have agreed to lay our paypers and Evidences before the Hono^ble^ Simeon Olcot of Charlestown, John Peirce of Portsmouth Esquires, in the State of New Hampshire and Josiah Little of Newbury in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire; And in case of the refusel or Death of either of those Men, then Russell Freeman Esquire of Hanover to be Joined, Shall bee a Committee to fix the Line on the East between Tamworth and Eaton, and on the North between Tamworth and Burton, And the Report of them or Any two of them Lodged in the Secretary's office of this State, within the time hereafter limited shall be final and conclusive between the parties, and we do further Agree that fourteen days Notice given to the proprietors Clerk of the Townships of Tamworth Eaton and Burton or to one of the Agents within Named for Each of those Towns of the time and place of the Setting of the said Committee on the business, shall be Sufficient Notice, and if either party Neglect to Appear there to proceed Ex parte—and we do further agree to Petition this Hono^ble^ Court to impower Said Committee to transact the business, and, twelve month's be allowed from the passing the Act, for the Completion of the Same—In Compliance with which Agreement your Petitioners beag leave to bring in a bill to impower the Said Committee to Assertain and fix said Lines under the restrictions aforesaid and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Thomas Cogswell	Jacob Blasdel	Henry Weed
Thomas Leavitt	Winthrop Smart	moses Senter
Bradbury Cilley	John Banfill	Orlando Weed

[The committee was appointed June 11, 1796, and consisted of Simeon Olcott, Josiah Little, and Russell Freeman. See following documents.—Ed.]

[10–192] [*Directions to Col. Gerrish to perambulate the Line between Tamworth and Eaton, 1796.*]

To Col. Henry Gerish Esqr

Sir

By agreement & consent of Parties you are appointed Surveyor to take a Survey of the boundary line between the Townships of Tamworth & Eaton, being the East line of Tamworth & west line of Eaton you are to begin at a Pitchpine Tree marked with six notches, which Stands on the Patent line so called

about one mile East of Bearcamp River so called, being the Southly corner between Tamworth & Eaton and from thence to extend a North line between Tamworth & Eaton untill Six miles are compleated where you are to erect a good & Sufficient Monument or land make—

And from thince are to extend a line due West, between Tamworth & Burton untill it Shall intersect the East line of Sandwich addition, so called, where you are to affix a Monument or landmake as above—

You will appoint Two good & qualified Chainmen who Shall be Sworn to a faithfull discharge of their duty & trust

You will notify the Agents of the Townships Tamworth—Eaton & Burton when you Shall make s^{d} Survey—

You will Compleat s^{d} Survey & make a return thereof, on Oath to me the Subscriber Chairman of the Com^{tee} for Setling the boundary lines between s^{d} Tamworth Eaton & Burton—on or before the first Day of March next—

You are to expect your pay and reward for s^{d} Services from the Agents of the Township of Tamworth—

Concord 15th Decr 1796

Per order Sim. Olcott Chair^{n}

[*Col. Gerrish's Return.*]

Pursuant to the within appointment I Notified the Agents of Tamworth—Eaton & Burton to meet me on the 21 Day of December Instant at the within mentioned pitch pine tree with Six notches, at the above time & place there met me Hon^{bl} Thomas Cogswell Esqr Agent for Tamworth Jacob Blasdel Esqr and Maj^{r} Winthrop Smart Agents for Eaton and Mr Henry Weed agent for Burton, By mutual agreement of parties Col^{o} Nathan Hoit was appointed to Carry the fore end of the Chain and my Self the hind End of the Chain after being Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of our trust we began at the aforsaid Pitch pine tree mark^{d} with Six notches and thence measured upon an old Line which was then agreed to by the parties which runs North one Degree and about twenty five minits West by the needle Six Miles to a beech tree about Seven Inches Diamiter which we Spotted on four Sides for the Northeast Corner of Tamworth which tree is also marked with the Letters H. G—N. H & T. C & Dated it Decr 22^{d} 1796 and drove a Cent into the westerly Side of Said tree, from thence I run and Spotted a line West one Degree and about twenty five Minits South Which makes it a right Angle with the old line, until I came to the line of Sandwich Addition where I set up a Stake for the Northwest Corner of Tamworth Said Stake is Spotted & mark^{d} with the Letters T C. about Eight feet Southeasterly from Said Stake I

also Spotted a red Burch tree which is about Eleven Inches Diameter which I marked with the letters H G—T C & I G & Drove a copper into the Side of Said tree facing the Bounds—

Tamworth Decr 24th 1796

Henry Gerrish Surveyer

TEMPLE.

The township embraced several tracts of land granted to individuals by the government of Massachusetts prior to 1740. The territory was granted by the Masonian Proprietors in November, 1750, with the usual reservations. For some years it was called Peterborough Slip, and included the present town of Sharon.

The town was incorporated August 26, 1768, and included one tier of lots on the west side of Wilton, and the easterly portion of what was priorly known as Peterborough Slip, or Sliptown, and was named for Hon. John Temple. Ephraim Heald was authorized to call the first town meeting, which duty he performed, and the meeting was held at the house of Zedekiah Drury, October 10, 1768.

A dispute concerning a strip of land between this town and New Ipswich resulted in favor of Temple.

By an act passed January 12, 1781, a tract of land containing about 400 acres, lying north of this town, called Borland's farm, was annexed to Temple.

January 29, 1789, some territory was severed from the south-east corner of Peterborough, and annexed to this town.

By an act approved June 11, 1796, a considerable tract of land was severed from Lyndeborough, and annexed to Temple.

Gen. Francis Blood was a prominent man during the Revolution. He was a member of the H. of Rep. in 1777, and on September 27 of that year was appointed commissary to attend a guard sent to conduct prisoners of war to Portsmouth. He was appointed January 27, 1781, one of the two "collectors general of beef" for the army; member of the council in 1784, and of the senate 1784–'85; judge of the court of common pleas, and held numerous offices in

town. He was born in Concord, Mass., March 18, 1735, O. S., and died in 1814.

[10–196] [*Vote relative to the Incorporation of the Town, 1768.*]

att a meeting of The proprities of peterborough slip Legaly Called For that purpos Voted By S^{d} proprietors To Divide The Townsship at the Line Between The fifteenth & Sixteenth Teer of Lots & Voted By S^{d} proprietors to Git in Corporated Chose Francis Blood John Marshall & Ephraim Heald as a Committee To Git it Done

25 January 1768

a Trew Coppy Errors Exsepted

Ebenezer Drury propr^{s} Clarke

[10–197] [*Sundry Inhabitants of Wilton consent to join.*]

We The In Habitants of The west Side of wilton in S^{d} province are willing To Be annexed To The East part of peterborough Slip

Wilton April 27—1768

Robert Mann	William Felten
James mansur	Stephen Putnam
Stephen farnam	William mansur
William Thomson	

[10–198] [*Petition of sundry persons relative to Separation: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1768.*]

The Humble petetion of the Inhabitants of a place Called peterboroughslip on the west Side of the Mountains in S^{d} Town Ship Whereas we Cannot Be aComodated to Settle the publick Worship of God with The Inhabitants on the East Side of the Mountains By Reason of Sd Mountains

& Their Being in Corporated will Brake our Charter So that we Cannot Raise money to make & Repair Roads Where fore we Humbly pray your Excellency and Honours that we May By a Special act Be Inabled From Time To time Raise Such Sums as Shall Be Nessasery to make & Repair Roads in S^{d}

peterboroughslip on the west Side of the Mountains & we as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray & : C :

April 18 day 1768

John M^{c}allaster	David m^{c}allaster
Thomas Morison	Peter m^{c}Allaster
William Jack	William m^{c}Allaster
John Thom	David Moors
andrew m^{c}allaster	James McAlister

[10–199] [*Petition of a Committee to have the Town incorporated: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1768.*]

We the Inhabitants of a place Called Peterborough-Slip in S^{d} province Humbly petetion your Excellency and Honours That where as The Monadnucks Mountains Runs a Cross our Township which is Impractable For Roads So That we Cannot Settle The publick Worship of God on one side of the Mountains so as to aComodate the other side of the Mountains where fore we Humbley pray That we May Be InVested with Town prevelidges To The following Bounds : To Witt Be Gining att peterborough Southeast Corner Running west on s^{d} peterborough Line Til it Comes to a Beech Tree marked Being the Northwest Corner of The Lott N^{o} Eleven in The Eighth Range of Lots in S^{d} peterboroughslip Then Running South Between the Eleventh & Twelveth Lots on a Line marked on the pinnacle of The Mountains til it Comes to the North west Corner of the Lot Eleven in the Sixth Range Still Running on the pinnacle of the Mountain Through the Lots Twelve in the Sixth and fifth Ranges on a Line marked to a Spruce Tree Being the North west Corner of the Lot Twelve in the Fourth Range Still Running on the pinnacle of the Mountain Through the Lots thirteen in the fourth Range and fourteen & fifteen in the Third Range on a Line marked on the pinnacle of the Mountains to a white maple att the foot of the Mountain Called and Known By The Name of Moffets Tree Then Runing west about fifteen Rods to the west Line of the Lot Fifteen in the second Range Then Runing South on S^{d} Line to New Ipswitch North Line Then Runing a bout East on New Ipswich North Line To the Southeast Corner of S^{d} petersboroughSlip Still Runing East on wilton South Line the Length of Two Lots Then Runing North Between the Eighth & Nineth Ranges of Lots in S^{d} wilton inCludeing Two Teer of Lots to Linds Borough South Line Then Runing West on wilton North Line and peterborough Slip North Line To peterborough East Line Then Runing South on peterborough East Line to the South East Corner first men-

tioned—all So we Humbley pray your Excellency & Honours That the Loss of Wilton may Be maid up To Them By your annexing a Tract of Land To Them on the East Side of wilton Called & Known By The Name of The Mild Slip and we in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray: &: C peterboroughslip: 11: April 1768

Francis Blood
John Marshall } Committee
Ephraim Heald

[10–200] [*Statement of Wilton Proceedings, 1768.*]

Wilton June ye 9 day 1768 this Day it Being Town meeting att wilton & we the Subscribers attended where was the Committee from peterboroughSlip to se wheather the Town of wilton would Vote to ReCeive the East part of peterboroughSlip or Give them haf a mild of wilton & when we Came to that article mr Butterfield who was moderator would not Call for a Vote on it But Said we will aJorn the meeting til ye 7 of July which he did the Committee a fore Sd Deziered a Coppy of their proceedings But Could not obtain it

William mansur

test
Stephen Putnam
his
Alexander θ Milliken
mark

[10–201] [*Relative to a Road over the Mountains.*]

June ye 10th 1768

This Day Capt Ephraim Heald of Peterborough Slip made Applecation to us the Subscribers in behalf of the Inhabitants Living on the East of the Mountain in Said Township, in order to view the Mountain, to See if there could be a Road over to Accomadate the people on the west side of Said Mountain to Congregate with the people on the East—accordingly we went with him and three men Inhabeting near the Mountain went with us over the Mountain where they all Judge is the only place where a Road could be made. We give it as our Judgment that there cannot be a road over the Mountain that will accomadate to Treavil in with any Conveniency

Benjamin Adams Ephraim Adams Isaac Appleton

[10–203] [*Another Opinion relative to the Road.*]

PeterboroughSlip June 8th 1768

Whereas we the Subscribers being Desired by the Inhabitants of wilton to Vew the Mountain to See if their Could be a Passable Horse Road over the Said mountain and upon our Vewing the Same it is our Humble opinon that their may be upon Proper Serch and Vew a Very Comfortabel Passing over the Same on Horse Back From the west Side to the East Side to the meeting House Spot in Said PeterbourougSlip—

pr us Thomes moreson
John Swan Jur

[10–202] [*Committee's Statement relative to foregoing.*]

Portsmouth June 11th 1768

Wheras we the Subscribers being Agents appointed to Carry on the Affair For Peterbourough Slip & wilton Relative to their Pettetion Have agreed to Leave the whole Affair to His Excellency and Counsel to Do as they in their Wisdom and Prudence Shall think Best Praying Further oppertunity to Lodge Such Papers as to Give your Excellency & Honours Further Light as witness our Hands Prvided Such Papers are filed before the Day appointed for the Govern[r] & Councils Determination

agent For PerterbourougSlip Ephraim Heald

agents For Wilton— Joseph Butterfield
James Dascombe

[10–205] [*Petition from Wilton: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1768.*]

We the inHabitants of wilton Humbley petion your ExCelency & Honours that The East part of peterboroughSlip May Be anexed To wilton & InCorporated in to one Town with us & we in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray &C

Wilton June the 10 day 1768

William mansur Ebenezer Perry
James mansur Jonas Perry
Abijah Perry
Stephen far nam Alexander his ○ mark Milliken

[10–208] [*Remonstrance from the Inhabitants of Wilton: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1768.*]

May it please your Excellency and Hon^{rs} We the Inhabitants of Wilton in said Province are Notified by m^{r} Sec^{ry} Atkinson, that the Inhabitants of Peterborough Slip have lately petition'd your Excellency and Hon^{rs} for a Charter of incorporation granting Town priviledges &^{c} with Addition of one mile in wedth & the Length of the Town to be taken off from the Town of Wilton, and Added to Peterbo^{r} Slip: in Consideration whereof a Slip to be Added on the Opposite part of the Town &c

That we may shew cause if any we have why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. Therefore we take liberty to say, that the Scituation and Circumstance of the said Peterb^{o} Slip was know by the late Govr & Councel at the Time said Wilton was incorporated; Notwithstanding saw fit to incorporate Wilton for a Certain Limmited Term according to its present form, and at the end of said Term granted an other Charter of the like Contents (which were Costly things to us) Add to this the purchasers of John Tufton Mason Esq; patent fix'd the boundaries of said Wilton as it is now held by Charter, and we have a meeting house in the Center of the Town very well Scituated, have been at Large Expence in Making highways to the same, and during the late War, many of us suffered largely, Yet being Encouraged by having our Town Continued in its present form surmounted those Difficulties; and have found means of late to defrey part of the Public Charge of the province for which reasons among many others that may be offered by our Agent, are humbly of Opinion that the prayer of the petition above refer'd to ought not to be granted but if it should be thought otherwise, We beg leave to suggest further that the Design of Granting an incorporation to us, which was to promot Good order, and encourage the Cultivation of our Lands will be greatly retarded, that we shall be thrown into the utmost Confusion and Disorder about our meeting house, Bridges and highways &c Indeed our Brethern of Peterb^{o} Slip seem Concious to themselves that taking a Part from us on the west will be Detrimental to us and therefore propose to have the mile Slip Added on the East to make amends, but we humbly beg and pray, that if any part of our Town must be taken from us that there may not be any Added to us on the Easterly part, which Cannot lessen but must Augment our Difficulty—Your Excellency & Hon^{rs} will reflect upon the premises and do as Your wisdom and prudence shall Direct—And we as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Wilton April 27, 1768

Joseph Holt	Jotham maynard	Richard Whitney
Philip Putnam	James Brown junr	John Steel
Willm Peirce	George Coburn	Josiah Parker
Richard Taylor	Jeremiah Holt	Thomas Richerdson
Ephriam Butterfield	Jonathan Greele	Joseph Stiles
James Brown	George Lancey	Joseph Snow
Nathan Blanchard	Stephen Butterfield	Benjamin parker
Nathan Abbot	John Burton	Nathaniel Greele
John Dale	Amos Butterfield	Stephen Buss
Timothy Gray	Zela Holt	Benja Rideout
Uriah Bolton	Abijah Perry	Joseph Holt Junr
Jacob Putnam	Nathan Ballard	Jno Burton Junr
Jonathan Cram	John Brown	Jno Cumings
Timothy Dale	Jeremiah Abbot	Joseph Putnam
Nathaiel Putnam	Abiel Abbot	William Felton
Oliver Holt	James Maxwell	John Burton
David Kenney	John Holt	amos fuller
Jonathan Burton	Abner Stiles	John Cram Junr
Simon Keyes	Amos Holt	Stephen Putnam

[10–206 and 207 are plans of the territory in controversy, one of which is supposed to be allotted plan of Wilton.—Ed.]

[10–195] [*Petition of Inhabitants for Incorporation, 1768.*]

To His Excellency Governor Wentworth and His Majestys Councel in the Province of New Hampshier—

Where as the Monadnock Mountains Runs a Crost our Township of peterboroughslip wich is Impracticable for Roads so that we Cannot be acomadated to settle the publick worship of God so as to be Conveanant for the Inhabetents on both sides of the Mountains we the Inhabitants on the East side of the Mountains Humbly pray your Excellency and Honours that we may Have part of wilton anexed to us or that we may be anexed to wilton from the penicle of the mountains a Greable to the Bounds set forth in the petition laid before your Excellency and Honours by our Committee the fourth of may Last and we in duty Bound shall Ever pray &C—

Peterborough Slip June 10th 1768

Zedekiah drury	Jonathan Blood Jur	Albe Serverance
Thomas marshall	Joseph Heald	John Cutler
Seth Cobb	Jonathan Drury	John Cutler Junr

Benj[a] Cutter	Zedekiah Drury	Amos Emery
Jonathan Drury	Juner	Ebnezer Drury Junr
Juner	Nathan Drury	Eleazer Taylor
Joseph richerd sen	Garshom Drury	Aaron Fellt
John marshall	thomas Drury	Peter Fellt
Ebenezer Drury	Stephen parlin	John Brown
Francis Blood	John Heald	Joseph Brooks
Zacheus Richardson	Zechariah Emery	William Drury
Oliver Heald	Daniel Drury	Silus Anger
Josiah Robins	William Brewer	Jonathan Avery
Artemas Maynard	Joshua Todd	Benj[a] Cragin
John Maynard	Abijah Goold	Joseph Reed
Stephen Cobb	Joshua Foster	Ephraim Heald
Eldad Spafford	Ezekiel Goodale	
Petter Heald	James Foster	

[The town was incorporated Aug. 26, 1768.—Ed.]

[10–209] [*Relative to some New York Tories: addressed to the Assembly, or Committee of Safety, 1776.*]

Having providentially met with some Suspicious Circumstances in the Appearance and Behaviour of four men passing thro' this Town—We pursued and apprehended them—On examining them seperately and together it Appeared plain from their own Account that they had been sent from some part of New York, by Committees in that Quarter, to Exeter on suspicion at least of unfriendliness to y[e] Cause of America—and that they had been allow'd a large Liberty of Yard at Exeter, which they improved in attempting an escape—their Names by their own Account are Stephen Hunt, Asa Brown, Jacob Motts Elisha Rose—they do not pretend any of them to have done any thing for America, but only as expressly Called upon; tho' they would excuse themselves from any direct Opposition—We have sent 'em down to be disposed of as the Hon[d] Court shall think proper—

The expences of Apprehending and Conveying them to this Town we have expressed—in its particulars on a paper by itself—amounting to £2 : 19 : 6.

Temple Decem[r] 30, 1776.

Sam[l] Howard
David Spafford
John Cram ju
Sam[ll] Webster
Ephraim Heald
} Committee for the Town of Temple

[R. 4–107] Received of the Town of Temple by the Committee the sum of Ninety Two Dollars in full for enlisting into the Continental service as a soldier in part of the Quota of the Town abovesaid of the three Batallions raising in the State of Newhamshire

John Hillsgrove

Temple March 28, 1777

Testis Sam[l] Webster

Rec'd of the Town of Temple by the Committee the sum of Ninety Two Dollars in full for enlisting into the Continental service as a soldier in part of the Quota of the Town abovesaid, of the Three Batallions raising in the State of Newhampshire

Temple March 28, 1777

John Millet

Rec'd of John Cragin Oliver Heald, and Samuel Howard Treas[rs] and Receivars for the Town of Temple of the soldier Rate—The several sums affix'd to our Names for enlistment in y[e] Continental service—we say Rec'd by us

James his × mark Hutchinson £10, 0, 0, 5—Aaron Oliver 30, 0, 0, 6
Elijah Mansfield 30, 0, 0, 7—John Drury 30, 0, 0, 8
James his × mark Hutchinson 20, 0, 0,

Temple April the 7th 1777

Test Sam[l] Webster

[April 9, 1777, Josiah Stone signed a similar receipt for £30; and Benjamin Smith did the same April 7, same year. —Ed.]

[R. 4–102] [*Receipts from Soldiers' Wives.*]

Rec'[d] of the Selecmen of Temple tew bushel of Rye at 4/8 per bushel, my Husband Elijah Mansfield being a soldier in Col Scammils Regiment—I say Rec[d] by me

Rebekah Mansfield

Temple Jan[r] 4: 1778

Then Received Ten dollars of Archelaus Cummings one of the Commite to provide for the familes of the Continental sol-

diers, my Husband Elijah Mansfield being a soldier in Col[l] Scamils Regiment—I say Rec[d] by me

Rebekah Mansfield

Temple June 29 day 1778

[R. 4–103] Recived of Benj[a] Tinney Jr of Temple one of y[e] Committee for supplying y[e] families of y[e] soldiers in the Continental Army Five Bushils of Indian Corn at 3/8 per bushil £0–18–4. Also one bushil of Rie at 4/8 pr bushil 0–4–8—My Husband Ebenezer Drury being a soldier in Col[o] Scammils Rig[mt] Recv[d] by me

Miriam Drury

Temple May 27—1779

[Mrs. Drury also signed receipts as follows:

June 10, 1779, 1 bushel Corn
July 26, " 2½ " Rye, 1½ of Corn, 6 qts Salt
Nov. 29, " 4 " " 2 " of Ephraim Brown.]

[R. 4–108] [Received of Benj[a] Cutter one of the Committee for Temple two bushils of Corn at 3/8— £0–7–4
and Nine pound of Cash 9–0–0

My husband being a Soldier in the Continental Army

Mary Hillsgrove

Temple April 1—1779

[Mrs. Hillsgrove also gave receipts as follows:

May 1779, bushel of Corn, of John Patten
July 26, 1779, ½ bushel of Corn, ½ bushel of Rye, and eight dollars in cash, of Capt, Gershom Drury
Nov. 25, 1779, 72[lbs] of beef at 18 shillings, of Oliver Heald
Oct. 1 " £3, 6, 0, cash " " "
Dec. 7 " £15, 6, continental money, 2¼ bushels Corn at 3/8 per bushel, 1¾ bushels Rye at 4/8 pr bushel,—of Oliver Heald]

[R. 4–98] [*Petition of William Drury, 1778: addressed to the General Assembly, or Committee of Safety.*]

William Drury of Temple in Col[o] Enoch Hale Rig[m] & Capt Gershom Drurys Company sheweth that he was Called upon

to go to the Relief of Ticonderoga on the alarm in June Last that his hors went on request to carry packs and that at Charlestown N° 4 the Horse was taken out or brook out of Jotham Whites pasture and it was three weeks before I found him, and that I paid for Advartising s[d] horse and for a man and hors to Go afeter him and for straying and Keeping—£2–6–0

Wherefore your petitioner Humbly prays your Honours that He may be Repaid said sum of two pound six shillings as he was Called upon to Go with his horse for the defence of that post and your petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray & :C

William Drury

Temple Feb[r] 2th 1778

[Sworn to before Francis Blood, justice of the peace.]

[R. 4–99] [*Capt. Robert Fletcher's Petition: addressed to the Council and Assembly, 1779.*]

The petetion of Cap[t] Robert Fletcher of Temple in the County of Hillsborough and State aforesaid—Humbly sheweth that your petetioner Commanded a Company in the volentear in Col° Enoc Hales Rigement on the Island of Road Island in the Month of August last—that Henry Spaulding of Stodard was in my Company the whole time a soldier that your petetioner carried a list of the Company to the Committee on Claims and they maid out a Muster Roll and Gave me an Abstract that I did not compair the Roll Nor Abstract with my list Given in til I came home—that said Henry Spalding was not in the Roll Nor Abstract and that I did pay his waiges out of My own pocket at His Request as by his order May appear—Therefore your petetioner Humbley prays that the waiges of s[d] Henry may be Repaid to Me which was twelve pound two shillings and your petetioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray &c—

Robert Fletcher

Temple March y[e] 2[d] 1779

[R. 4–100] [*Lieut. Goodale's Petition, 1780.*]

The Humble Petition of Ezekiel Goodale of Temple sheweth that your Petitioner was Appointed a Lieutenant in Capt Frys Comp[t] in Col° Scammels Ridg[t] the 11th of Feb[r] 1777 that he marched with the first Devision the first of April to Ticondaroga—& Discharged the duty of a Leiu[t] to acceptance: was in

the several Disputes with Gen^{r} Burgoyne and then marched to Penselvana : & Continued there til Ap^{r} 30 1778 when by reason of the Continued applycations from my Family of their Distressed Circumstances I procuered a Discharge & Come home—your petetioner Lost at the vacuation of Tycondroga as by the account £28–4–0

That your petetioner Never received a farthing for it Nor for Depreshasion of mony for his waiges—therefore your petetioner prays that your Honours will take his Case into your wise serious and Marcyful Consideration and make him such reward for s^{d} loss and waiges as your Hon^{rs} think Just and your petetioner as in Duty Shall Ever pray—

Temple Feb^{r} 14—1780

Ezekiel Goodale Leu^{t}

[The committee reported in favor of allowing him the depreciation of his pay.—Ed.]

[10–211] [*Petition from Inhabitants of "Borland's Farm" to be annexed to Temple, 1780.*]

To the Honorable Counsel and House of Representatives—

Humbly Sheweth your Petitioners Inhabitants of a Certain tract of land Called and Known by the Name of Borlands Farm in the County of Hillsborough & State afore said bounded as Followeth (viz) Beginning at a beach tree Marked at the South west corner of Lyndsborough and Runs North on Lyndsborough line about three Hundred & Eighty rods to Gray burch marked with Stones about it thence west by land of Mason's proprietors over the North mountain So Called about one hundred & Seventy Rods to a rock maple with Stones about it at Peterborough east line thence South on peterborough east line about three Hundred & eighty Rods to a rock maple tree marked & Stones about it at Temple North line thence east on temple North line about one Hundred & Seventy Rods to the Beach tree first Mentioned Containing Near four Hundred Acres that S^{d} tract of land is not within the Bound of any Town that your Petitioners are trying to make Improvements on S^{d} tract of land, that there is No road from any town to S^{d} tract of land, that S^{d} tract is So Situated by reason of the mountains to the west North & Northeast that they Cannot Convean at any of the adjoining towns But Temple—Wherefore your Petitioners pray that the Said tract of land may be annexed to the town of Temple and that the Inhabitants thereof & their Successors may be Invested with all the Priviledges of Inhab-

itants of the town of Temple for Ever and that your petitioners may have leave to bring in a bill accordingly: & as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Decm[r] 18—1780

Jonathan Avery
Thomas Richardson
Isaac Butterfield

[The territory mentioned in the foregoing petition was annexed to Temple by an act passed January 12, 1781.—Ed.]

[10-212] [*Petition for a Lottery.*]

Exeter Jenury 27th 1781

A Petition of Rob[t] Hewes of Boston to the Honourable Councel and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire for the Further Incouragement of Glass Manufactory sett by him in the Town of Temple in this State—

Your humble Petitioner Prayeth, that as he has been at, so Great Expence and got the Manufactory so Nigh to Perfection and being Unable to Procede further without Publick Incouragement a Lottery may seet on foot, for the Raiseing a Sum of Money to bring it to Perfection, as Speedily as Possible, for if no Incouragement.—Can be Given Your hum[l] Petitioner will be Oblidged Drop the Enterprize and Lett his Work men go to Connecticut, which Stands Ready to Receive and Imploye them, but that the Honourable Court may do something to Inable Your humb[l] Petitioner to keep them here and Imploye them is the Sincere Prayer of Your humb[l] Petitioner.

Robert Hewes

[Authority was granted by an act passed March, 1781.—Ed.]

[10-214] [*Statement of the Managers of the Lottery: addressed to the General Court, 1782.*]

The petition of the subscribers humbly sheweth that in consequence of the petition of M[r] R: Hewes of Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, an Act pass'd the General Court of said State of New-Hampshire in March A: D: 1781, granting a Lottery for the benefit of said Hewes in setting up and

carrying on the Manufactory of Glass in the Town of Temple in said State, and appointing your petitioners, Managers of said Lottery, That your petitioners, in pursuance of their trust, immediately proceeded to advertise the Scheme of said lottery, and print the Tickets, and began the sale thereof in Bills of the new-Emission, agreable to said Act. Soon after which your Petitioners were obliged to take back the Tickets, by reason of the failure of the paper Currency, and to give over the thoughts of drawing the same. And as your petitioners were appointed by the General Court without their previous Solicitation or knowledge; and having expended a considerable sum of money in printing said Tickets &c—Therefore your petitioners humbly pray the Honble Court to order the Treasurer to refund to your petitioners such sums of money as they have been necessitated to expend on account of said lottery: and, for that purpose, that they may have leave to exhibit an Account to this Court for Allowance, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

March 22^{d} 1782.

T: Farrar
I. Abbot
Francis Blood

[10–215] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

State of New-Hampshire Hillsborough ss

Temple Decr 10th 1783

There is in ye Town of Temple one Hundred and fourteen persons of Twenty one years of Age paying for them selves a pole Tax Taken by us

Saml Howard, Francis Blood, Benj^{a} Cutter } Selectmen of Temple

[Sworn to before Francis Blood, justice of the peace.]

[10–216] [*Petition for Authority to send a Representative to the General Assembly, 1784.*]

Humbly apply the Subscribers Legal Voters of twenty-one years of age and upwards paying for themselves a pole tax in Temple and peterborough slip in said State—That the new

Constitution or form of Government for this State provides that every Town parish or place intitled to Town privileges having one hundred and fifty rateable poles of twenty one years of age and upward paying for themselves a pole tax May Elect one Representative—and such towns parishes or places as have less then one hundred and fifty rateable polls—shall be classed by the General assembly for the purpose of Chusing a representative—and whenever any town or parish intitled to Town priviledges shall not have one Hundred and fifty rateable polls and be so situated as to render the Classing thereof very inconvenient, the General assembly may upon application of a Majority of voters in such town parish or place issue a writ for their electing and sending a Representative to the General Court—that the subscribers Conceive that they fall within the last Discription Not being one hundred and fifty polls and being so situated as to render the Classing thereof with any other town very inconvenient—That they are ready to Contribute to the support of Government and are willing to have a Voice in raising Agregate sums — Wherefore they pray that in the New arangement for the Next Assembly a precept may issue to the s^{d} Town of Temple and peterborough slip for Electing and sending a Representative under such Regulations as other Towns in the same predicament and as in Duty bound shall pray—

Joshua Todd	Francis Cragin	John McAllaster
Caleb Bancroft	Asa Severance	James Milligen
Samuel Howard	Eldad Spafford	Sam^{ll} Milliken
Moses Sticknee	John Stowel	Wm Milliken
William Manser	Josiah Fisk	Josiah Sawyer
Benj^{a} Cutter	William Searle Ju^{r}	James McNee
Willm Drury	Aaron Felt	Joseph Barnes
Abraham Shelden	Joseph Heald	Gilbert McCay
Benj^{a} Cragin	Abraham Dinsmore	John swan
Samson Walker	John Cragin Jur	Joseph Miller
Ephraim Brown	Peter Brown	Nathan Boynton
Ebenezr Drury	Moses Lowel	John Marshel
Ezekil Jewet	Jacob Lowel	Reuben Law
Levi Peirce	Andrew Lane	Robt Potter
Silas Brown	Jonas Brown	John Taggart
Isaac Butterfield	Isaac Barron French	Benjamin Bacon
Gideon powers	Daniel Heald	Reuben Cumings
Jacob Foster	Oliver Heald	And^{w} Conn
Abner Felt	Ephraim Conant	David Moor
Ezekiel Goodale	Josiah Stone	James Moor
Elias Colburn	Abiel Holt	Jeremiah Andrews
John Patten	Joseph Kidder	John Taggart

Gershom Drury	John Burnap	Samuel Field
David Searl	Sam[l] Holt	Aaron Colman
John Kendall	Ezekiel Jewett	
Nathan Wheeler	Francis Blood	

[In H. of Rep., March 31, 1784, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

[R. 4–101] [*Soldier's Certificate, 1784.*]

These may Certifie that Jeremiah Andrews is Father & heir to ——— Andrews a Minor late of Temple Deceas'd—who was a Soldier in the Continental army—Hired by S[d] Town of Temple—
Dated Temple Dec[r] 1, 1784.

Sam[l] Howard, Eph[m] Brown, F. Blood } Selectmen of Temple

[10–215] [*Relative to Militia: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Humbly Sheweth the Selectmen of Temple in the County of Hillsborough and the Inhabitants of S[d] Town—That at the last Session of the General Court, a vote past by which the 12th Rig[t] of Militia was Divided and the west part Call[d] N° 12 and the East part Call[d] N° 23, The Real situation & All the Surcumstances of the Towns that Now Compose the East Rigiment we Suppose was not then laid before the Hon[ble] Court for we belive if they had it would Not have pased—wherefore we beg leave to Say That the East Reg[t] (viz[t]) New Ipswich Mason Wilton Temple Peterborough Lyndsborough Society Hancock & Peterboroughslip was all formerly of the fifth Regiment—That they pay £49—15s—10d to every thousand of the State Taxes as will Appear by the last proportion Act—and that the west or 12th as by S[d] vote (viz[t]) Ringe Fitzwilliam Jaffrey Marlborough Dublin & Packersfield pays but £32:13—which is not two thirds so much, or in other words we pay £17—2s 10d more to every £1000 than they which is more than half they pay—That we are Nine Towns to their Six—that more then 1100 poles was return'd in the last Inventory in the Nine & but little more than 600 in the west Rig[t] And that most of the Towns in the East Reg[t] was Settled (viz[t]) New Ipswich Wilton Mason Peterboroug & lyndsborough a Number of Years before there was one Inhabitant in the Six towns which now Takes away our Number—And that there is Now four Field officers within this Reg[t] (to wit) Heald Willson

Abbot & Clark—(which Cannot—by the Militia Rules which is only Honnour) renew their Commition in the 23d regim^{t}—That in every point of view we consider our Selves Agreav'd by Said vote—werefore we humbly pray your Excellency & Honnours that the East Rig^{t} (to wit New Ipswich &c which is Now call'd the 23^{d} regiment may be restored to their former Number, or that The Division of s^{d} 12 Regiment may be Made Nul & void—And be put to Gether as but one regiment & as In Duty bound Shall pray

Jany 27—1785

Moses Sticknee	Benjamin Tenney jur	David Drury
Ab^{m} Shelden	Nathl Ball	Wm Fletcher
Robt Howrd	Nath^{ll} Ball J^{r}	Josiah Fisk
Benoni Venton	Abiel Parker	Amos Heald
Jonathan Stevens	Moses Lowell	Benja Cutter
Gershom Drury	moses Lowell J^{r}	Peter Felt
Ezra Drury	Jacob Lowell	Zebadiah Dinsmore
Abraham Dinsmor	Joseph Heald J^{r}	John Woodward
John Stowel	Benj. Cragin	Nathaniel Griffin
Caleb maynard	Eldad Spafford	Jonathan Avery
George Conn	Ezekiel Jewet	John Avery
David Emes	Nathaniel Jewet	Isaac Butterfield
Joshua Todd	William Jewet	Thomas Richardson
John Todd	Oliver Whiting	Danial forster
Joshua Todd Junr	Nathan Wheeler	Samual Burnip
Thomas Marshall	Silus Brown	Bengmon Severns
Jonathan Marshall	Daniel Lamson	Abbe Severens
Amos Dinsmor	John Andrews	Asa Severns
Caleb Bancroft	Thos Dinsmore	Royal Blood
	Thos Sewell his × mark Ferington	
John Ball	Samson walker	Francis Blood J^{r}
Jonathan Lovejoy	Levi Peirce	

[10–220.]

Voted to answer the Request of Joseph Richardson and others Inhabitants of Lynsborough Relative to their being annexed to Temple Provided they will obligate themselves & heirs Not thereby to involve S^{d} Town in any unnecessary Charges on account of thier Being annexed or on acc^{t} of Moving the Meeting house &c

Attest Saml Howard T. Clerk

Temple May 5th 1794.

[See Lyndeborough papers, Vol. XII, p. 534.—Ed.]

[10–221] [*For an incorporation of a Library: addressed to the General Court, 1797.*]

Humbly Shews

Noah Miles Benjamin Cragin & Ebenr Edwards inhabitants of Temple in Sd State and others their associates that they have Been at Great expence in Collecting a Considerable Number of Valuable Books for the purpose of establishing a Library in Sd Temple. But without the aid and Patronage of the Honle Legislature they find themselves under Great Disadvantage & their endeavors to promote usefull Knowledge almost in Vain— they therefore pray that they may be incorporated into a Body Politic for the Purpose of establishing Sd Library with Such Powers & Priviledges as are usually Granted to incorporations of a Similar Nature—

and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever pray

Temple octr 25 1797

Noah Miles
Benja Cragin
Ebnr Edwards
} Comitt

[Columbian library was incorporated in 1795.—Ed.]

[10–219] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative.*]

Temple May 6, 1799.

To the Honl the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court Convened the first Wednesday of June A D 1799

Humbly Sheweth the Subscribers inhabitants of the Town of Temple in sd State, that Sd Town for two years Last past have been Constitutionally qualified to Represent themselves in the General Court of Sd State, but by Reason of Certain emigration of the young Men in Sd Temple to Various parts of the New Countries the last year they Now have but 146 Rateable Polls in Sd Town and are therefore Deprived of that inestamable Privilidge which is So Essential in a Government Like ours Especially in Such a Cretical Day as ye Present, and Being Willing to Bear our full Share of the Public Burden and to Demean ourselves Peaceable and quiet Citizens of ye State of Newhampshire and firm Supporters of our General as well as State Government & wish to use our united Exertions in Support of ye Constituted authorities of the union—we therefore Pray that we May be admitted to the Privilidge of Representation for the future—and your Petitioners further Shew that it is

Very inconvenient for them to be Classed with any adjacent Town for Representation as ye Choice Must be in March which is a Season of ye year when Travelling is Very bad in this part of ye State, and also that we have Cartain persons in S^d^ Town which are Taxed for their Property & which are Not Liable to be Taxed for their polls they being more than 70 years of age—and it is highly Probable that we Shall Very Soon (perhaps Next year) have the full Number required by Constitution to entitle us to a Representation as we heretofore have had—and as we at present Lack but 4 Polls of being qualified in point of Numbers—We therefore Pray that our Peculiar Situation may be taken into your Serious and wise Consideration and Grant Such Relief in the Premises as Shall be agreeable to the Constitution and to Right and Justice Doth appertain—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray

Joshua Foster	Ezekiel Jewet	Jacob Jewet
Peter Powers	William Jewet	David Patterson
John Kimball	Asa Howard	Gideon Powers
Jon^a^ Kimball	Benjamin Tenny	Eben^r^ Stiles
Aaron Barns	Benj^a^ Killam	William Drury
Joseph Stone	Elias Colburn	Joseph Towne
Thomas Richardson	Levi Peirce	Thomas Towns J^n^
George Kimball	Nathan Wheeler	David Towne
Benj^a^ Cutter	John Patten	Aaron Avery
Joseph Searl	Peter Felt	Peter Avery
Royal Blood	Caleb Maynard	John Avery
Abraham Shelden	Daniel Heald	Thomas Towne
Stephen Manser	Levi Adams	Joseph Heald
Samson Walker	Daniel Searle	Theoder Barker
John Cragin	Nathl Barrett	John Rider
Nathl Jewet	Benjamin Parks	Joseph Killam
Stephen Cragin	Benja Cutter	Samuel Burnap
Samuel Burnap Ju	William Searle	Joseph Heald J^r^
Francis Cragin Jr	James Walton	James Heald
Francis Blood Jr	Elias Boynton	Ephraim Heald
Joseph Hosley	Josiah Fisk	Richard Palmer
Jacob Jewet	Elisha Child	Simon Farrar
Moses Perkins	Sam^ll^ Killam	Joel Avery
Charles Kirk	Aaron Felt	Eli Towne
Stephen Austin	Eliot Powers	Jonas Brown
Jon^a^ Spaulding	Timothy Austen	Eldad Spafford
Seth Blood	Silas Stickney	Ezra Mansur
Sam Webster Felt	Phinehas Carlton	James Crombie
John Ballard	Oliver Whiting	Oliver Whiting J^r^
Artemas Wheeler	John Brown	Edward pratt
Samuel Howard	Zechariah Emery	Joseph Kidder J^r^

Benj[a] Cragin	David fuller	Silas Durkee
Francis Cragin	John Winship	William Mansur
Archelaus Cummings	Edward Willson	Jacob Foster
Gershom Drury	John Start	
Isaac Kimball	andrew Parkhurst	

[In H. of Rep., June 10, 1799, the foregoing petition was granted.—Ed.]

THORNTON.

The township was granted July 6, 1763, to Matthew Thornton and others in seventy-three shares, and by this grant contained 23,000 acres. It was named in honor of Mr. Thornton, the leading man in procuring the grant, and subsequently a member from this state of the Continental Congress, and signer of the Declaration of Independence. No settlements were made under this grant, and another grant was made October 21, 1768, including additional territory enough to make 40,071 acres in the whole, which was to be divided into ninety shares. The grantees were mostly men of Londonderry and vicinity, and settlements were made in 1770. The town was incorporated November 24, 1781, Moses Baker being authorized to call the first meeting.

By an act approved June 16, 1807, the jurisdiction of the town of Thornton was extended over a tract of land lying eastwardly of said town, called Blanchard's Gore.

June 14, 1808, Capt. Jotham Cummings, Jr., of Plymouth, was appointed agent on the part of the state to meet an agent of the town, and establish the easterly line of the town.

June 23, 1842, a strip of land containing about eighty acres, known as Waterville Gore, was severed from Waterville and annexed to this town.

[10–223] [*Petition for a Second Grant, 1768.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esq, Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of New Hampshire, &c—

The Honourable his Majesty's Councel, &c—

The Petition of Mathew Thornton, and Associates, Humbly shews, That the late Governor, the Sixth of July, AD 1763, Granted to your Petitioners, the Township of Thornton, in the Province Aforesaid, on the Conditions, stipulated in the Charter thereof, the Whole Duty, of settlement, to be Compleated, within five years, next following said Date. And Whereas by the Charter it Appears that said Township, is Twelve miles in Length and at one End, Comes to an Acute Angle, it Can never be convenient, in one parish, and is not Large Enough for two, and the first survey, was so inaccurate, that made it Impossible to Assertain, the Bounds, and the great number of uninhabitable Mountains, makes it necessary, that a Large allowance should be made, Otherwise what appears by the plan, Enough for two, will not make one Good parish—

And Whereas Sundry, of the Grantees, have not been at any Expence, or Trouble, neither for Obtaining, the Charter, nor for veiwing, surveying, or Settling. And the rest have been at great Expence and Trouble, in all the above Respects. And have four men now dwelling on the premises, and a great number ready to make Immediate settlement, and only wait till the Grant is Renewed, and we have lately surveyed said Township, and laid it in a more convenient form, by order of Isaac Rindge Esq, surveyor General, of his Majesty's, Lands, in the province Aforesaid, a plan whereof is herewith Exhibited—

By which it appears, there will be about fifty acres to each person in the familys, of your Petitioners—

Therefor your Petitioners pray your Excellency and Honours, to take the premisses under Consideration, and Regrant said Township as laid down in the last mentioned plan to the persons named in the schedule here to annaxed or otherwise relieve your Petitioners Agreeable to your known Wisdom and Usual Clemency and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will ever pray—

September, 9th AD 1768—

Matthew Thornton in Behalf
of himself & Associates.

[The grant was made Oct. 21, 1768.—Ed.]

A schedule of the Grantees of the Township of Thornton—

The Honble—

Daniel Peirce Esq	Thomas Campbell	George Davidson
Matthew Thornton	Junr	James Moore
John Peirce	John McCartney	Henry Moore
Joseph Peirce	James Alexander	John Moore Junr

James Thornton
Andrew Thornton
James Doack
John Doack
James Doack Junr
John Gillmore
Jonathan Gillmore
John Moore
Robert Moore
Thomas Cristy
Andrew Jack
Andrew Jack Junr
Samuel Morison
samuel morison Junr
Joseph morison
Abraham Morison
Joseph Cochran
Isaac Cochran
Samuel Cochran
David Clindinin
Robert Clindinin
David Anderson
James Anderson
Andrew Clindinin
David Craige
Thomas Campbell
John Taggart
James Taggart
John Swan
William McKea
Joseph Caldwell
Thomas Cunningham
William Taylor
Hugh Gillice
William Alld
Samuel Alls
William Howard
Hugh Wilson
William Baley
Alexander McColem
Robert McColem
George Cochran
Peter Cochran
James Campbell
James Campbell Junr
William Boyd
George Duncan
James Duncan
Peter Patterson
William Hogg
Noah Moulton
Charles Moore
Charles Moore Junr
Ebenezer Griffing
Jonathan Sewall Esq of Cambridge
Robert Temple Esq:
William Pynchon Esq: of Salem
John Hurd Junr
Seth Walker
Samuel Hall of Salem
George Brinley
Titus Salter
Jacob Treadwell Junr
Honble John Temple
Colo John Goffe
Mark Hunkyn Wentworth
Theodore Atkinson
Theodore Atkinson Junr
Robert Rindge Esq:
Isaac Dowse

[10–224] [*Inventory of the Town, 1773.*]

Apriel 22 ye 1773

A true inventory of the poles and estates in Thornton there are Eightteene poles three horses one two year old Colt Six oxen fifteene Cows two two year olds thirty five acres of land Taken by me—

John Brown

[Sworn to before Moses Little, justice of the peace.]

18 Polls	10: 16: 0	6 Oxen	0: 18: 0
3 horses	0: 9: 0	Cows 15	1: 10: 0
2 2 Y old	0: 9: 0	Land	1: 3: 4

Sum Total £14: 18: 4

[10–225] [*Petition for Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

To the Honorable General Court of the Colony of New hamshire—

The Petition of the Town of Thornton in the Col° Affore said Humbly Sheweth—

That Whare as by a Revarst of forTune We have it from good athority that Canady is in the Prossession of the Enemy as far as St Johns that being a front Teer Town We are in Danger of being attacked by Our Canadian Enemy and that Our Defitiancy in Armes and Amenition is such that it Renders us unable to Make proper Defence In case of An attack thare being Twelve Stands of Armes Wonting for the Number of In Habtence and Intirely Destitute of Amunition—

These are Tharefore Humbly to pray your Honnours In this Exegence of affares to furnish us with 40 pounds of powder led and flints or severale out of the Colony Stores and We will be accountible for the Same—

Sined By Order and In behalf of said Town

Thornton June 27 1776

By us—

Edmand Eliot } Select
Able Willey } Men

Please to Deliver the above articles to Capt Edmand Eliot Taking his Recep[t] for the Same

Edmen Eliot } Select
Abel Willey } Men

[10-226] [*Petition to have the Town incorporated: addressed to the General Assembly, 1781.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said State Humbly Sheweth—

That the Inhabitants of said Thornton labour under many disadvantages for want of an Incorporation, not being able to Assess, levy and Collect Taxes, nor intitieled to any Priviledges and Advantages enjoyed by Bodies Politic and Corporate within this State—

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly pray that Your Hon[rs] would be pleased to take their Cause under consideration and grant the said Town of Thornton full Incorporation Investing the Inhabitants thereof with all the Powers Priviledges and Immunities which any incorporated Towns within this State holds and enjoys, or otherwise grant such Relief as Your Hon[rs] in your Great Wisdom shall think best—

Your Honours will be pleased to Observe that the State Tax already aportioned to the Town of Thornton by the State for the present Year cannot be Collected untill the inhabitants

thereof are enabled by Authority to do the same and therefore cannot be paid into the Treasury by the Time Mentioned in the Treasurers Warrent. Your Petitioners therefore pray that Your Hon^{rs} would allow such further Reasonable Time for Assessing levying, Collecting & paying said Tax into the Public Treasury as the Circumstances of the Case shall require and Your Petitioners as in Deuty bound shall ever Pray &c—

Thornton 31st May 1781—

Abel Willey	Ezekiel Elliot	William Varnum
John Brown	Moody Cook	John Fletcher
Edmund Elliot	Richard Patee	Alexander Lang
Sam C fuller	James Rankens	William Webster

[The town was incorporated Nov. 24, 1781.—Ed.]

[10–227] [*Letter from John Pierce to Mr. Thornton, 1780.*]

Portsmouth Novr 8, 1780

Sir

At your request some time during the confignment of Col^{o} Stephen Holland in Exeter Jail, I inquired of him whether he knew anything of an exchange of a lot of Land in the Town of Thornton between you and Governor Wentworth—to which he replyd, that he knew the whole transaction, that the Governor, to accomodate you with a mill priviledge for the benefit of the Town, agreed to exchange a lot with you, and that the deed from Governor Wentworth to you was executed in his presence, and that he took the Governors acknowledgment thereof, which was certified on the Deed in due form—and that he had had some time before the deed in his possession,—but did not then know where it was—He also said something respecting your conveying the lot intended to be given in Exchange, but whether the deed pass from you or not, I cannot recollect, that he told me—

I am

Your most Hum^{l} Serv

John Peirce

Col^{o} Mathew Thornton Esqr

[10–228] [*Receipt of Jonathan Child, 1781.*]

Receiv^{d} of Richard Petty Constable for thornton one thousand & Five hundred dollars for the Purpos of Supplying the

Troops at Coos agreable to orders Receiv'd from the Council of Safty at Exetor for that Purpos

Lime Jan^{r} 15th 1781 Jon^{a} Child
1,500 dol^{r}

[10–229] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

In conformity to the Order of Court we make the following return of Male Polls twenty one Years of Age and Upwards paying a Poll Tax, in the Town of Thornton—viz, 47—

Thornton Decem^{r} 13th 1783—

Noah Worcester } Select
Abel Willey } men

[Sworn to before Moses Baker, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[10–230] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1785.*]

This may certify that in the town of Thornton there are fifty two ratable polls of twenty one years of age and upwards

Thornton 15 Octo. 1785

Noah Worcester } Select-men
Enoch Colby } for Thornton

[R. 4–115] [*George Patterson, Soldier.*]

Grafton ss. Haverhill January 9th 1793.

This certifieth that Moses Nichols of Thornton in said County Physician hath this day received a letter of administration, upon the estate of George Paterson late of Thornton aforesaid deceased intestate, & has given bond as the law requires to administer said estate accordingly— Charles Johnston

[Mr. Johnston was judge of probate.– Ed.]

Thornton Jany 14, 1793.

Sir. Please to pay Mr Caleb James whatever is due to the Heirs of George Patterson from the State of New-Hampshire & his rec^{t}. shall be your discharge from the same, your compliance will oblige your obe^{t}. servant

Moses Nichols, admin^{r}.
to the estate of the s^{d} Patterson

J. T. Gilman Treasurer of s^{d} State

[10–233] [*M. Thornton, relative to a Dispute between this Town and Peeling: addressed to the General Court, June 7, 1797.*]

Humbly shews the Subscriber that in the Year 1763 His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq Governor &c of the then Province now State of Newhampshire, granted to Daniel Peirce, your Petitioner and Associates, a certain tract of Land in the County of Grafton and State aforesaid lying North of the Town of Campton, and adjoining thereto, and gave it the name of Thornton, some time after the Charter was signed, Your petitioner examined the out lines of the Grant with more attention than he did before he received the Grant, and easily perceived it coud never be conveniet for one parish, and extremely inconvenient for two. Your petitioner therefore took no care to procure Settlers, and let the time expire, that by the Conditions in the Grant the settlement of said Town shou'd have been compleated—Therefore Said Grant reverted to the Grantor, and the Charter conveyed no title to the Grantees, His Excellency John Wentworth at this time being Governor. Your petitioner waited on him shewed him the plan, and by his direction obtained a Second Grant of said Thornton, only varying the lines of said Town. as soon as your petitioners received this second Grant (which was dated Octr 21st 1768) proceeded and laid out the Home lots, and about one half the second divisions and procured Setlers as fast as possible, and notwithstanding its being a Fronteer town, and the late War at that time raging between Brittain and America, yet as I paid for Building Grist and Saw Mills, and made the term of settlement easy, the settlement went on considerable rapidly, and is now become a fine flourishing Town, which was but a short time past a howling Wilderness. The Inhabitance have lived quietly and happy untill the Year 1793, at which time there arose a controvercy, between a Town called Peeling, and the Town of Thornton. the history is as follows The Grant of Peeling bears date the 23 of Sep^{t} 1763, and was Regranted in the Year 1771 December 17th to other Grantees by the name of Fairfield—Some time after the date of the Charter of Peeling, the Grantees sent a Commitee to run the out lines of their Township, and after runing about one & an half miles, held a Council and concluded it not worth the notice of the Grantees, and so returned home called a meeting of the Grantees, the Grantees when met approved of their Committee's report. nothing was done until the year 1790 then some Gentlemen purchased of the Original Grantees, for a very trivial sum their rights as Grantees—some time in the year 1793 Run the out lines of the Town called Peeling ex-party, by which they took in a considerable part of Thornton as it was

laid out by the Second Grant, and some of Goffs location they immediately put on one or two Settlers on that part of Thornton which they say fell within the limits of Peeling, but none on any other part of their Grant,—

Therefore your petitioner humbly prays that your Honors wou'd take his Greiveance into your wise consideration and Confirm the Charter of Thornton as laid out by the second Grant and incorporated—or call those pretended proprietors of Peeling to answer for not fulfilling the conditions of their Grant or otherwise relieve your petitioner as in your wise Judgement shall appear just and equitable, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

M Thornton

Merrimack June 6th 1797—

TUFTONBOROUGH.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors to John Tufton Mason, and named for him. Subsequently, Hon. Woodbury Langdon became a large owner by purchase. No permanent settlements were made until after the close of the Revolutionary war, and the town contained but 109 inhabitants in 1790. The town was incorporated December 17, 1795, in answer to a petition from the inhabitants, the act authorizing Nathan Hoit to call the first meeting of the inhabitants.

By an act approved December 30, 1799, Cow island was annexed to this town.

June 25, 1858, Whortleberry, Birch, Farm, and Little Bear islands, situated in Winnipiseogee lake, were annexed to Tuftonborough; and on the following day, the homestead farm of Benjamin Wiggin was severed from this town and annexed to Wolfeborough.

[10–236] [*Woodbury Langdon's Statement relative to Town Affairs: addressed to the Legislature, 1789.*]

The Petition of Woodbury Langdon shews that your petitioner is the proprietor of the greatest part of the Town of Tuftonborough that said town has been taxed for a great number of years very unreasonably considering its situation and not

having any inhabitants untill very lately and now only five, that notwithstanding this grievance which has prevented the settlement of the town your petitioner and the other proprietors have paid all the taxes on said town up to the year 1782 altho' many others in the like situation have paid nothing, that since then the Taxes have accumulated to the enormous sum of four hundred pounds in Cash and other articles which is now unpaid, that in it is included a tax assessed in the year 1782 for two soldiers when there was not a single inhabitant in the town which soldiers were not finally wanted and no uninhabited town as your petitioner can find has paid for such non compliance, all which matters being duly considered by your Honours he trusts you will abate the tax for the Soldiers and whatever part of the other taxes you may think reasonable and the remainder shall be paid—

Woodbury Langdon

Portsmouth December ye 29th 1789

[10–237] [*Petition for Abatement of Soldier Tax: addressed to the Legislature, 1794.*]

The Petition of Woodbury Langdon, humbly, shews that your petitioner is proprietor of the greatest part of the Lands in the Township of Tuftonborough, that in the year 1782 said Township was assessed for two Soldiers when there was not an inhabitant in it, that he applied to a former Legislature for the abatement of said Tax which was not granted, that the said Tax has not yet been paid as your petitioner has conceived it to be very unreasonable especially as said soldiers were not finally wanted and he now is induced to apply to the present Legislature for the abatement thereof as he understands that most if not all the Towns within this State in the like situation have been abated the said Soldier Tax, therefore your petitioner hopes if his request is not thought unreasonable that it will be granted—

and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Woodbury Langdon—

Concord December ye 19th 1794

[10–238] [*Joseph Richardson's Petition: addressed to the Legislature, 1797.*]

Humbly Sheweth—

The Inhabitants of Tuftonborough that the said Township of

Tuftonborough was called upon for deficiency of Soldiers when there was no Inhabitants in said Town and the proprietors Neglected paying the same since that time some Inhabitants have settled in said Town bought their land at a Dear Rate & are now Called upon for said deficiency which ought to have been paid by said propriety—

Wherefore they pray that they may be Impower[d] to tax all the lands in said town as unimproved land in a sum sufficient to Discharge the sum due to the state for said Deficiency and your petitioners as in duty bound will Ever pray

Portsmouth Dec[r] 5 1797

Joseph Richardson
in behalf of said Town

[In H. of Rep., Dec. 11, 1797, the petitioner was granted leave to bring in a bill. Senate concurred Dec. 12.—Ed.]

[10–239] [*Complaint against Woodbury Langdon, etc.: addressed to the Legislature, 1797.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers, proprietors of a considerable part of the unimproved Lands in Tuftonborough, humbly shews—that at a Meeting of the proprietors of Tuftonborough held on the 18th Day of September 1794, a Tax of six pence per Acre was voted to be raised on all the Lands in Tuftonborough, for the express purpose of paying off all Arrearages of Taxes due the State, and for certain other proprietary purposes—that the aforesaid Tax was amply sufficient to meet every Demand on the proprietors—

That Woodbury Langdon Esq[re] was chosen Collector of said tax—that your Memorialists as early as the Month of November 1794 paid the aforesaid tax on all their Lands in said Town and presumed that their Collector had appropriated the proceeds of said tax, or such part thereof, as was sufficient to the payment of the Demand which the Government had on said Propriety—

That your Memorialists to their astonishment now find that their Collector has made no such Appropriation, but on the contrary a petition we understand is now before the Honorable Court, requesting permission to reassess this Arrearages of taxes due the State from said Town—Your petitioners therefore prays that so much further time may be granted them, before the prayer of the aforesaid petition may be granted, as shall enable them to compell their aforesaid Collector to appropriate the proceeds of said tax, agreeable to the original Intention of the

Proprietors or to refund the Money your Petitioners have already paid—

Portsmouth December 14th 1797—

Nath[l] A. Haven
James Sheafe
A R Cutter
Jos: Haven
John Haven
Nath[l] A. Haven
Attorney to Mrs. Moffatt
Guardian to R. C. Moffatt

UNITY.

The township was granted July 13, 1764, to Timothy Goodwin and others, to be divided "into such shares and proportions as the major part shall agree upon." The grant was made to enable some parties in Hampstead and Kingston to settle a dispute relative to some territory claimed by Hampstead parties under a grant from New Hampshire, and by Kingston parties under a grant from Massachusetts. Enough of the territory in this grant was to be transferred to the Kingston claimants to satisfy them. The controversy had created considerable bitterness, but was amicably settled by means of this grant, and the town was named in commemoration of the happy termination of the dispute.

A portion of the town of Goshen, incorporated December 27, 1791, was taken from this town, and another small tract was severed from Unity and annexed to that town July 6, 1837. By an act approved June 20, 1810, a tract of land with inhabitants thereon was severed from the south-west corner of this town and annexed to Charlestown.

December 29, 1828, a small tract of land with the inhabitants thereon was severed from the north-west corner of this town and annexed to Claremont.

[11–1] [*Warrant for Town Meeting, 1779.*]

this Is to notify &[c] the Leagal Inhabitants paying taxes in the towns of acworth Lempster Savel Croydon Unity & new-

port to meet at the Dwelling house of Capt Nathaniel huntoon in said Unity on the firstt tusday In December next at one of the Clock In the after noon.

1^{ly} to Chuse a moderater to Govern Said meeting

2^{ly} to Chuse one Good & Lawfull man to Represent them In the General Assembly to Be held at Exeter for the year Ensuing also to Chuse two Good & Lawfull men to Serve as members of the Councel for the Year Ensuing

November the 29 1779

Amos Chase
Jonathan Glidden
John Lad
} Select Men of Unity

[Col. Benjamin Bellows, Jr., made a return of the company officers in his regiment March 15, 1776. The ninth company was located in this town and officered as follows: Captain, Nathaniel Huntoon; 1st Lieutenant, Amos Chase; 2d Lieutenant, Moses Thurston; Ensign, Simeon Giddens. Joseph Frost, age 26, was in 1st N. H. Regiment in 1778. —Ed.]

[11–10] [*Elijah Weed relative to Pettingill, 1785.*]

The petition of Elijah Weed in behalf of the town of Unity Humbly shews—

that the town of Unity did in the year 1777 hier one Jonathan Pettangal Be longing to S^{d} town a soldier who Inlisted Dureing the war and Sarved through the hole of the war for said town and throgh the Neglect of the select men he was not Return^{d} for said town, nor no other town,—therefore your Petitioner Prays that the town of Unity may be Credited for Said Pettengal and your Petitioner as in duty Bound shall Ever Pray

Elijah Weed

Conkord oct^{r} 29th 1785

[11–3] [*Jonathan Pettingill, Soldier, 1777.*]

Unity May 8th A D 1777—

This May Certify whom it may Concern That I Jonathan Pettingall do Bargain & Engage to & with Amos Chase of Unity To do Eighteen Months Service in the Continental Army for him the Said Chase To be half the Tour of three years that I am Engaged for the Said Chase having Paid & Satisfied

me for the Said Service as witness my hand the day & year abov[d]

his
Jonathan × Pettingall
mark

Witness
Rich[d] Brown.

[11–4] [*Deposition relative to Jona. Pettingill, 1786.*]

the depotion of me the Subscriber this may Sertify that I did in the year 1777 agree with Jonathan pettengal of this town to Serve as a Continatal Soldier for eighteen months as half a three years tower and paid him ten pounds for Said Serves attest per me

Abraham Sandborn

Unity January the 3 and 1786

[Sworn to before Elijah Frink, justice of the peace.—Ed.]

[11–11] [*Relative to State Tax: addressed to the Legislature, June Session, 1786.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers In behalf of Ourselves and others of the Inhabitants of the Town of Unity—Humbly Sheweth—that Sence the Contest with Great Britton the Town afors[d] Have Been Greatly Embarrast by having a Considerable Number Enimical Persons to the Common Cause—so far as to Lead away from there Duty a Number of S[d] Inhabitants so far as to make a majority in said Town that the minor were Not able to act or transact any Business as a Town whereby no regualor Returns or Inventarories have been made for Some Years back and that in the Year 1780 there was no Invoice taken And the Town were Doomed and Set Equal to the Towns of Croydon & Lempster whom have Sence Been abated the Seventh part of there Taxes and we are fully Sencable that the Town of Unity ought to be Set much Lower than either of S[d] Towns—and as the Town of Unity are now Unamously Returned to their Duty and are Determined to pay Up their taxes and have Sold a Great part of their Personal Estate for that purpose—

Wherefore we Pray Your Honors to take the Case into Your Wise Consideration, and make them Such A Batments as You in Your Wisdom Shall Se fit—and Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

Cheshire ss Unity 15th day Oc[tr] 1785

Charles Huntoon	David Weed	Elijah Weed
Nathaniel Huntoon	Amos Chase	Joseph Huntoon
Joshua Bartlett	Abner Chase	

[11–2] [*Relative to warning a Man out of Town: addressed to the Legislature, 1786.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers, In behalf of the Town of Unity Humbly Sheweth That in Novr 19th A D 1778—there was a Warrant Insueed by the Selectmen of this Town to Caleb Huntoon he being Constable of S^d Town Directing him to warn Dearbon Sweat & others forthwith to Depart out of S^d Town a Greeable to the Law of this State in Such Case Made and Provided and that Said Constable Did Serve Said Warrant But Being mis Laid was not Entred and Cannot Now be found and as this Town are Like to Suffer Greatly and to be put to Great Cost by Reason of The Failure of Said Warrant not being Entred on the files of the Court of General Session of the County of Cheshire—

Unless Your Honors will Interpose on our Behalf and Establish the Doings on Said Warrant as tho' Same had been actually Recorded In the Clark Office for which Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Nathaniel Huntoon, Amos Chase, Matthias Bartlett } Selectmen of Unity.

Cheshire ss Unity June 9th A D 1786

[In H. of Rep., June 15, 1786, a hearing was ordered for the next session, of which the selectmen of Brentwood were to be notified.—Ed.]

[11–4] [*Depositions relative to Dearborn Sweatt.*]

The Deposition of Amos Chase of Unity of Lawfull age Testifieth and Saith on the 19th day of Novr 1778—Charles Huntoon Elijah Weed and Amos Chase being Selectmen for Unity for the Year 1778—Granted a warrent Under our hand and Seal to Caleb Huntoon he being Constable—To warn Dearborn Sweatt and Others to Depart out of Unity a Greeable to the Law of this State in Such Case made and provided—Your Deponant further Saith not

Amos Chase

[Sworn to before Charles Huntoon, justice of the peace. —Ed.]

[11-6]

The Deposition of Caleb huntoon of Unity of Lawfull age testifyeth and Saith that Some time In the year 1778 I Received of the Select men of unity a warant to warn Dearborn Sweat and others to depart out of this town, which warant I Served and I Delivered the Said warant to amos Chase he being one of the Selectmen of unity Said Chase was In Charles town when I Deliverd him the Said warant and I Saw Said Chase Deliver the Said warant to benjamine Giles Esqr and I heard Said Giles promis Said Chase to Deliver the Said warant to the Clerk of the General Sesions of the peace and further Saith not

Caleb Huntoon

[Sworn to before Charles Huntoon, justice of the peace. —Ed.]

[11-7]

The Deposition of Elijah Weed of Unity of Lawfull age Testifyeth and Saith on the 19th day of Novr 1778—Charles Huntoon Amos Chase and Elijah Weed Being Selectmen for Unity for the Year 1778, Granted a warant under our hand and seal to Caleb Huntoon he Being Constable To warn Dearborn Sweatt and others to Depart out of Unity a Greeable to the Laws of this State in Such Case made and Provided—Your Deponant further Saith not—

Elijah Weede

[Sworn to before Charles Huntoon, justice of the peace. —Ed.]

[11-12] [*Oath of Allegiance, 1787.*]

State of New Hampshire, Cheshire—ss

Unity October 23th: 1787—

These may Certify that we the Subscribers hath taken the following oath of Allegiance and the oath of office—

I, John Huntoon, I, Stephen Gilman, I, Jonathan Glidden Junr & I, Caleb Huntoon—Do truly and Sincerely acknowledge profess testify & Declare that the State of New Hampshire is & of right ought to be a free Sovereing & Independent State & Do Swear that I will bear faith & true allegiance to the Same & that I will endeavor to Defend it against all treacherous conspiracies & hostile attempts whatever: & I Do further testify & Declare that no man or body of men hath or can have a Right to

absolve me from the obligation of this oath Declaration or affirmation & that I Do make this Acknowledgement profession testimony, & Declaration honestly & truly according to the Common Acceptation of the foregoing words without any Equivocation mental evasion or Secret Reservation whatever—So help me God—witness our hands—

John Huntoon
Stephen Gilman
Jonathan Glidden Jr
Caleb Huntoon

[Sworn to before Charles Huntoon, justice of the peace. —Ed.]

[11–13] [*Vote of Town relative to the formation of Goshen, 1790.*]

Unity January 14th 1790 att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Sd Unity met att Time & place agreeable to warning of Said Meeting Firstly Capt Moses Thirston Chosen Moderator to govern Said Meeting 2ly Voted to Sett off at the East End of our Town to Extend West So Far as the East Side Line of the Lott No 50 in the Second Rang of Lots with a Strate Line Far as the East Side north to Newport Town Line also South to Lemester Town Line to join in Union with a part of a Number of Towns Forming into a new Town—Viz. Lemester Newport Wendell & Fisherfield 3ly—Voted to Divide Remander part of this Town into Two Seperate Towns or Parrishes's According to quantity of Land by the plan of Said Town if it be Complied by the General Court of the State 4ly—Voted to Choose a Commitee to Settle the Line Between the two Towns 5ly—Capt Moses Thirston Charles Huntoon Esqr Jonathan Glidden Caleb Gilman & Lieut Joishua Bartlett Chosen the above Commitee to Settle the Line in the Division of the Two Said Towns or parrishes.

The within is a true copy taken out of Unity town Book of records

Attest Jonathan Glidden Town Clark

[A portion of the town was taken to form the town of Goshen, December 27, 1791.—Ed.]

[11–14] [*Vote relative to the foregoing, 1791.*]

This may Certify that att a Legal Town meeting held by an adjournment on the Ninth of Sept AD 1791

The Inhabitance met and Voted that the Town be Devided Voted and Agreed that the Line shall run on the North End of the first Rang North of Corys Road in favour of a petition of William Story and others

Joseph Cutts Clerk protem[r]

September the 12th AD 1791

[11–15] [*Petition relative to dividing the Town: addressed to the Legislature, 1791.*]

The Pertition of us the Subscribers Inhabitance of the town of Unity Humbly Sheweth—that if the Inhabitence on the East End of this town Should Pertition your Honours to be Set off with part of Several other towns as a Seperate town we are perswaded your Honours will think it Reasonable that they Should Come as far west as the Court Committee Reportted Last Sesions agreeable to a plan taken by m[r] Jesse Lane of Newport Last fall and It is our opinion if it Should extend as much as fifty or Sixty Rods further west it would be for the benifit of this town and no damage to Said New town as there is a Very bad hill Running a Crost Said town and all East of Said hill will be much more Conveniant to the New town than to any part of this town—and we give it as our opinion that there ought to be a town Set off Nearly agreeable to the S[d] plan of m[r] lanes as there Settuations is Such they Never Can be accommodated with the towns they are now incorporated with and we are Sensable it must be a great damage and Discuragement to them not to be incorporated as it much detars the Settlement in that part and the prayer of your Petitioners is that they may be set off as soon as you in your wisdom Shall See fit and we Shall Ever pray

Unity May 30th 1791

Amos Chase } Selectmen
James Lad } of Unity

Josiah Moody	Eliphalet Bodwell	Moses thirston Juner
Daniel moodey	Jeremiah Dean	Amos T Huntoon
Richard moody	Sanborn Cram	William Weed
Daniel Moody juner	osteen Pike	Nath[l] Huntoon Ju[r]
Jeremiah Glidden	Joseph Hnntoon	Rheuben Huntoon
Josiah Moody juner	Ezekiel Challis	Hezekiah Yong
Caleb Gilman	Ephraim Cram	Amos Hall
James Bodwell	Abner Chase	Abner Colby

[11–16] [*Vote of Town relative to the foregoing, 1791.*]

Unity January 14th 1790—At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of sd Unity met at time and place agreeable to warning of sd meeting—

1st Capt Moses Thurston chosen Moderator to govern sd Meeting—

2nd Voted to Set off at the East end of our town, to extend west so far as the East side Line of Lot N° 50 in the Second range of Lots, with a Straight line to Newport town Line, also South to Lemster town Line to join in Union with a part of a N° of towns forming into a New town Namely Lemster Newport Wendal and Fishersfield—

Copyed from Unity town records—

Attest Saml Chase town Clark

Unity 9th June 1791—

[11–17] [*Remonstrance to foregoing: addressed to the General Court, 1791.*]

The prayer of us a number of the inhabitants of the Town of Unity humbly sheweth that we are informed that a Petition was presented to your Honours at your last Sessions at Concord, signed by a Number of Persons belonging to the Towns of Unity Lemster Wendell & Newport, Praying that the East part of sd Unity with a part of those other Towns mentioned in sd Petition Might be Incorporated into a Township distinct from those to which they now belong—

Your Petitioners humbly shew that we have not had any publick notice of sd Petition, by any town meeting. But suppose that if our Selectmen have been serv'd with a Copy of sd Petition and order of Court thereon, that it fell into two of our Selectmens, hands who from some self interested views, are desirous to part with the Land mentioned in sd Petition and have kept it Secret, and not given the Town any notice of it—We your Petitioners think that it will be very hurtful to sd town of Unity, to Part with the whole of the Land Mentioned in sd Petition But as the Town did vote to Let sd Petitioners have a part in our Town, when they Petitioned for it in December 1789 we are willing that they should have the Land so voted to them, which was all the Land lying to the East of a straight Line; running across sd Town Parallel to the East side Line of Lot No 50 in the Second Range—

And we beg leave to inform your Honours that to part with any More of sd Town would be very Hurtful to it on Many Accounts, Therefore we do in the most Humble manner Re-

quest your Honours, that the Prayer of s^{d} Petition should not be Answered (so far as it respects s^{d} Town of Unity) by giving them any more Land off of our Town than we voted to Let them have—

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray—

Unity 24th of November 1791—

Joshua Bartlett Selectman of Unity

Samuel Chase	Charles Huntoon	Jonathan Glidden
Nathaniel Huntune	Josiah Huntoon	Junr
Samuel thurber	Reuben Huntoon	Jacob Smith
Daniel Bachelder	Junr	Simeon Glidden
William Long	Samuel Huntoon	Andrew Glidden
John Huntoon	Jonathan Glidden	Jacob Glidden
Benjamin Smart	Jacob Cram	James Dudley
Wilson Shaw	Samuel P. Glidden	Barnabas Sincklear
Moses Chase	Joseph Glidden	William Neal
Benjmin Huntoon	Simeon Glidden Junr	Ebenez^{r} Barker
Joseph welch	Amos Lamson	Samuel Neal
Joseph Huntoon Junr	Amos Buckmon	John Sleeper
Benjmin Huntoon	Elias Buckmon	Abraham Samborn
Junr	David Peirce	Isaac Livingston
Cornelius Clough	Nickles Peirce	Jacob Bartlett
Stephen Huntoon	Moses fifield	Darbon Sweat
Matthias Bartlett	Jacob Perkins	

[11–18] [*Petition for a new Town from Unity and Charlestown: addressed to the Legislature, 1794.*]

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the west part of Unity in the County of Cheshire, Humbly show

That the Township of Unity extends about eleven miles east and west and about six miles north and south, that your petitioners are separated from the Inhabitants in the east part of said Town by a mountain running across The Town north and south which renders their connection very inconvenient, that by being separated from the east by a line on that mountain and annexed to the north part of Charlestown, a Town might be formed of the usual size, and its Inhabitants well united—

They therefore pray that the west part of Unity and the north part of Charlestown may be incorporated into a new Town, and as in duty bound shall ever pray

Unity April ye 28th 1794

Jon[a] Glidden J[r]
Jacob Smith
Aaron Marshall
Simeon Glidden Jur
Joseph Glidden
Jacob Glidden
Simeon Glidden
Nathaniel Lad
Joseph Perkins
Jabesh Perkins
Jacob Perkins
Lemuel Wright
Elisha Perkins
Jon[a] Dudley
Samuel Neal
James Dudley
David Dudley
James Dudley Junior
William Neal Jur
Derbon Sweat
James Harwood
Benjamin Webster
James Lawrance
Jeremiah Merrill
Asaph merrill
Stephen Bucknam

[11–19] [*Remonstrance to foregoing, 1794.*]

The Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Unity in the County of Cheshire and State afore S[d] Humbly, Shew that a petition originating from some Gentleman (in the Town-Plot so Called) in Charlestown has been Lately handed about in Said Unity, praying the petitioners may be annexed to the North part of Charlestown, for the purpose of making a new Town, and by misrepresentation procured a number of Signers, who on Consideration wish their names arased from s[d] Petition, and humbly pray that we may not be thus Anexed, for the Reasons Following, (Viz) there is a mountain Separating those Towns so dificult to pass that Nature Seams to forbid a union for that purpose—and Should it take place, we think it will make the most unhappy Situated Town on the Continent—your petitioners therefore as in duty bound Shall Ever, Humbly, depricate, Such a union.

Unity May 23rd 1794

Charles Huntoon
Moses thirston
Benj[n] Clough
Phinehas Sanborn
Enoch Johnson
James Graves
Barnabas Sinkler
andrew Glidden
James Bodwell
Benjamin Mathes
Josiah moody
John Huntoon
John Sleeper
Charles Hunton 3[d]
Asa Lampson
Caleb Gilman
Jonathan Glidden
Amos Buckman
Stephen Glidden
Jacob Cram
thomas Smith
Jeremiah Glidden
Amos T. Huntoon
Joseph Huntoon
Moses Fifield
Richard Moody
Jonathan Glidden 3[d]
Eliphalet Bodwell Jun[r]
Asa Glidden
Jacob Bartlett
James Bodwell
Abraham Sandborn Junr
Danil Batchder
Jacob shaw
Wilson Shaw
Saml thurber
Nath[l] Huntoon
John Bartlett
Jonathan Bartlet
Daiel Moody Jun
Danil moody
Jacob Glidden
David Dudley
James Dudley Junior
Samuel Neal
Ezra Smith

Abner Chase	Joseph Whiston	James Harwood
John Bartlett	John Ladd	hezekiah yong
Amos Chase	Elias Bucknam	Josiah huntoon
ISaac Levingston	Ebenezer Barker	Ruben Huntoon
Nicholas Parce	Enos Lamson	epheram Cram
Joshua Parce	Amos Lamson	Stephen Buckman
Sanborn Cram	Abraham Sandborn	

[The project failed. See Charlestown papers, Vol. XI.—Ed.]

[R. 4–116] [*Nathaniel Huntoon's Account for furnishing Soldiers and receipt, July 12, 1777.*]

Sam[l] White—	Browns Company
Jonathan Ston dudley—	Robinson
Nath[l] frost—	Bell
Jonathan folsom—	Drew
wounded dogg—	Rowel
Richard How—	Robinson
Isaac morss—	Robinson
Paul Sandborn—	Rowel
Philip Blasdel—	Rowel
moses Blacke—	Robinson
John Cook—	Bell

Victuals for the within Soldiers 13 meals—	£0.13.10
toddy 2 & ¾ of mugs	0. 5. 6
	0.19. 4

Rec[d] of Ebenezer Smith the sum of nineteen shilling and four pence L. M. for the expence of eleven Continental Soldiers who he ordered to be Refresht at my house—for me

unity July 12th 1777. Nath[l] Hunton

[R. 4–117] [*Petition of Joseph Hunton, Soldier, 1779.*]

Unity March 2[d] 1779—

To the Honourable the General Court—May it please your Honours—your humble petitioner prayeth to inform the Honourable General Court assembled in Behalf of the state of New Hampshire, that your petitioner hath served his Country in the present War (and the State of New Hampshire in particular)

from the first Commencement thereof untill the Glorious Battle of Stilwater, in the Capacity of a Subaltron belonging to the Third Battal[n] of New Hampshire Troops Commanded by Colonel Scammell Esq[r] in battle Vitz at Stillwater I had the Misfortune to receive a Wound in my arm, which hath proved so far fatal to me as to disinable me from doing Regimental duty any longer, as may be Certified as by letter from Colonel Scammell, and also am not able to maintain my self and Family by my Labour, sufficiently—You Humble petitioner prayeth your Honours will Consider him and Grant him the benefit of a Certain Act of the Honou[l] the Continental Congress made and provided for that purpose. * * * *

Joseph Huntoon

[Huntoon was wounded October 7, 1777, at Stillwater. In H. of Rep., June 25, 1779, his name was ordered to be placed on the pension roll at half pay until further orders. Senate concurred. April 19, 1780, he petitioned to have the depreciation of his pay made up. March 30, 1781, he petitioned for some arrearages, and stated that his dwelling-house was burned "on the 16th of February last," and that he thereby lost his house, furniture, and provisions. He was appointed in 1781 a lieutenant in the battery at "Piscataqua Harbour." October 21, 1785, he again petitioned, stating that his half-pay was reduced in December 1782, and asked to have it restored, as his right hand and arm were permanently disabled, and his family large. He petitioned again January 7, 1790, for arrearages.—Ed.]

[R. 4–124] [*Richard Brown, Quartermaster.*]

To the Hon[ble] the General Court of the State of New Hampshire. Oliver Tuttle and Mary his wife Humbly Shew—That Richard Brown late of Unity in said state deceased, was a Quarter Master in the second New-Hampshire Reg[t] late in the service of the United States—That the said Mary was the wife, and is the sole administratrix on the estate of said Brown—That the depreciation of wages, formerly due to the said Brown, have never been paid—Your Petitioners humbly pray, that your Honors will order all such depreciation (and other dues if any there be) to be paid to the said Mary Administratrix as aforesaid, or to the subscribers or either of them—and as in duty bound will ever pray Oliver Tuttle

Claremont Nov[r] 14th 1792— Mary Tuttle administratrix

WAKEFIELD.

The town was incorporated August 30, 1774, by its present name; previous to which it was called East town, under a grant from the Masonian proprietors.

By act of the legislature approved June 22, 1820, a gore of land, containing all that belonged to Wakefield on the northerly side of Province pond, was severed from this town and annexed to the town of Effingham.

June 23, 1858, an act was passed severing from the town of Milton a tract of land, and annexing the same to the town of Wakefield.

Andrew Quimby was in the First N. H. Regiment, enlisted March, 1781; discharged December, same year. He died in the service the following year.

[R. 4–125]

Wakefield Accompts of what has been paid the Soldiers by the Town.

Paid to Mr Benjn Dodge cont^{l} Soldier in provisions delivered to his wife in the year 1778, to the amount of £7, 15, 7

Provisions at ye old usual Prices, Corn 4/ pr Bush^{l}

Beef at 2½^{d} &c.

Ditto in the year 1779, Paid to Mrs Dodge in Provisions for her family at ye same prices ye sum of 3, 13, 6

to paid Ditto p^{r} Ditto 2, 10, 0

Paid to Mr John Gilman continental Soldier in Provisions delivered his wife at the prices above mentioned

in the year 1778 the Sum of £6, 18, 0

Paid to Jonathan Morgan Cont^{l} Soldier for Wakefield for the year 1779, in Provisions at the prices above

By a written obligation 24, 0, 0

Paid to Capt Jeremiah Gilman & 15 Soldiers under him in the Bennington Expedition in ye year 1777,

£6, 8 each as Bounty 96, 0, 0

Paid to Mr James Clark & Jon^{a} Towl Soldiers for Wakefield nt to Rhode Island in ye year 1778, £30, each

seas Bounty £60, 0, 0

Paid to Mr James Clark Soldier for Rhode Island in 1779 so much as makes his wages equal to 40/ p^{r} month as money was 1774,

Strafford ss: February 2nd 1780 then Jacob Wiggin & Samuel Hall as Selectmen of Wakefield personally appeared & made oath that the within account is a just & true account—

Before Simeon Dearborn Jus^{t} Peace

[R. 4–126] [*Soldiers' Receipts.*]

Wakefield April 28th 1781—

Received of the Town of Wakefield the sum of ten pounds two shillings lawful money at the rate of four shillings per bushel for Corn, in supplys for the family towards making up the one half of my husbands wages, who is in the army this for the year 1780.

Recd per Betty Dodge

[She also receipted, Feb. 18, 1782, for £10, 12s for part pay for her husband's wages for 1781.—Ed.]

[R. 4–128]

Wakefield October 18th 1782.

Received of Jeremiah Bachelder the Sum of Six pounds and twelve Shillings in provisions at the Rates Stipulated in the act for Supplying Soldiers families—

Lydia Leavitt

Attest—
Thomas Perkins Thomas Perkins iun

[R. 4–129] [*Peter Barter's Petition, 1782.*]

[In a petition dated Nov. 18, 1782, Peter Barter stated that he served in Capt. Bell's company in Col. Hale's regiment; was taken prisoner on the retreat from Ticonderoga, and was wounded in the thigh at Monmouth, in consequence of which he was rendered unfit for duty and sent home. He was ordered to the fort, and served under Col. Dame and Capt. Deering for three dollars per month, and requested to be put on half pay or discharged.—Ed.]

[R. 4–130] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

Wakefield Sept 21 1784

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire—

Sir Plese to pay Daniel Cook or order all that is due to me for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty I having ben a Soldier in the Second New Hampshire Regt

Value Recd Witness my hand—

Timothy Ricker

Test—
Thomas Thomson James Chamberlin Thomas Perkins

[Other orders were given as follows:

1784, Sept. 21, Joseph Green, 3d N. H. Reg't
" " 23, Dearborn Loverin, Capt. Jacob Smith's Co. Reynolds Reg't.
" Oct. 4, Joseph Dearborn, Capt. Jacob Smith's Co. Reynolds Reg't.
1785 Jan. 8, Jonathan Quimby 2d N. H. Reg't.]

[Joseph Edgerly, age 35, was in Nathan Hale's Second Battalion; Jonathan Haseltine was in Capt. Benjamin Ellis's company, Scammell's regiment; Joshua Edgerly, age 29, enlisted in Capt. James Carr's company, Feb. 17, 1777; Jonathan Quimby, age 19, and Paul Sambourn, age 17, enlisted in same company, April 9. (Rev. Pap., Secretary's office.)—Ed.]

[11–20] [*Petition for a Repeal of the Lumber Act: addressed to the Legislature, 1785.*]

The Petition of us, the Subscribers, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Wakefield, humbly sheweth that we are largely concerned in lumber, and understand Your Honours has passed some late acts at your last Session very hurtfull and injurious to us, and we believe to all other towns concerned in the lumber way. Therefore Humbly Request you would repeal the Act that requires all boards to inch thick and square edged, and other lumber in proportion—

And likewise to repeal the Act that prohibits any British vessel from carrying lumber to the British Islands in the West Indies that can procure British papers for that purpose, and to repeal the other act in regard to duty laid on tunnage on Ships or Vessels belonging to Foreigners which duty we look upon to be equal to shutting up our Ports against them. But if Your Honours dont see fit to grant the prayer of this Petition, we would request a Paper Currency on loan, or in such other way as your Wisdom may direct you to support the credit of said money—As in duty bound we ever pray—

Wakefield Augst 1785.

David Copp	Thomas Lindsay	Jacob Rundlet
Jeremiah Gilman	Winthrop Wiggin	Joseph Dearborn
Jonathan Palmer	Jonas Rich	Thomas Nudd
Andrew Gilman	John Wingate	William moor
Noah kimball	Nathan Mordogh	Nathel Balch
John Wiggin	Porter Gilman	John Gilman

Isaiah Wiggin	Elijah Allen	John Kimball
John Garland	Nathan Watson	Spencer Wentworth
Solomon Huchins	Dudley Gilman	Dudley Hardy
James huchens	Benj[a] Gilman	Sam[ll] Hall
Josiah Moor	Mayhew Clark	Daniel Hall
Samuel Chapman	Benjamin Dodge	Joseph Chapman
William Blasdell	Benjamin Perkins	Joseph Haines
Simeon Blasdell	Jacob Welch	Thomas Pirkins
Phinehas Low	Eliphalet Philbrook	Nathan Derborn
Clement Steel	Reuben Gove Dear-	Richard wintworth
John Chapman	born	Simeon Wiggin

[11–21] [*Relative to Arrears of Taxes: addressed to the Legislature, 1791.*]

The Petition of the Selectmen, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wakefield,

Most humbly sheweth—

That Whereas the Expenses of hiring and paying Soldiers for the Continental Army in the course of the late War, amount to about ninety pounds more than have been already taxed on said Town; therefore your Petitioners pray the Honorable Gen[l] Court may be pleased to pass some order impowering the Selectmen of said Town to Levy the same on the Inhabitants; with a proportional part on the Non-residents Lands in said Town; with power also, to appoint a proper person to collect the said Tax; or otherwise relieve your petitioners as you, in your Wisdom, shall think most meet, and your petitioners will as in duty bound pray—

Wakefield 26th Novem[r] A. D. 1791.

Avery Hall
Isaac Fellows } Selectmen
John Wingate

[11–22] [*Petition for an incorporation of Union Library, 1797.*]

The petition of the subscriber in behalf of the proprietors of Wakefield and Brookfield Union Library, being impowered by a vote of the proprietors for the purpose aforesaid, humbly prays that Timothy Johnson, Avery Hall, Jonathan Palmer, David Copp, William Chamberlin may be incorporated into a body politic with all the power and privileges that the Legislature in their wisdom may see proper for the benefit and con-

tinuance of the said institution, and your petitioner for and in behalf of said proprietors in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

David Copp

Wakefield, June 5th 1797.

[In H. of Rep., June 10, 1797, the foregoing petition was granted. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

WALPOLE.

The township was first granted by the government of Massachusetts in 1736, and called No. 3. A meeting of the proprietors was held on the 29th of December of that year, at which they voted to "Exceipt of the Report of what ye Committee have Don in Laying out the House Lotts in said Township." The document next following contains a list of the drawing of said lots.

The township was granted February 13, 1752, by the government of New Hampshire, to Benjamin Bellows, of Lunenburg, Mass., and fifty-five others, with the usual reservations, and named Walpole. A plan of Walpole, Westmoreland, and Chesterfield, in folio 5, office of secretary of state, contains the following certificate:

"We the Subscribers Have Pursuant to the Direction of Mr Joseph Blanchard Ju^r^ appointed Servey^r^ of His Majestys Lands In the Province of Newhamp^r^ Serveyed and Marked Round the towns of Chesterfield Westmoreland and Walpole Lately Granted by his Exelency Benning Wentworth Esq Governor of the Province of Newhamp^r^ on the East side of Connectcutt River In s^d^ Province & have here Delineated and Lay^d^ out the same according to the Lines Drawn—finished the 18th of March 1752

Benj^a^ Bellows, Josiah Willard } Serveyers"

The conditions of the last-named grant not having been fulfilled, an extension was granted March 12, 1761, to continue "until our Plenary Instructions shall be received." The inhabitants did their full duty in the Revolutionary war, and a respectable number remained loyal to New Hampshire during the trouble with Vermont.

By an act of the legislature passed December 31, 1783, Col. Enoch Hale, of Rindge, was authorized to erect a toll-bridge over Connecticut river at Bellows Falls.

Some territory was taken from the north part of the town, combined with a portion of Charlestown, and erected into the town of Langdon, January 11, 1787.

Walpole contains a large amount of excellent land, and is one of the most prosperous farming towns in the state.

Walpole men in 1st N. H. Regiment:

Daniel Ashley, enlisted Feb. 9, 1781; died Aug. 1, 1781.

John Baldwin, enlisted Dec. 21, 1777; discharged 1780.

Jona. Eastman, enlisted Feb. 21, 1777; died May 11, 1778.

Francis Joiner, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; discharged Nov. 18, 1779.

Thomas Johnson, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; discharged December, 1781.

Daniel Riter, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; died Sept. 1, 1779.

John Still, enlisted February, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

The latter was in the same regiment again in 1782.

[11–23] [*Records of Proprietors' Meetings.*]

A Meeting of the proprietors of the Township N° three Lying on the Easterly Side of Connecticut River Decem^{r} 29th 1736

John Flint Esqr Chosen Moderator for S^{d} meeting

Then voted and Chose Joseph Baker prop^{rs} Clerk and was Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of that office then proposed Whether they will Exceipt of the Report of What ye Committee have Don in Laying out the House Lotts in s^{d} Township—

Voted in the affermitive—

Then Voted that three Lotts Should Lye for publick uses with three affter Divisions viz one for ye first settled minister one for ye ministeral Lot and the other for ye School &c

Then the s^{d} prop^{rs} proceded and Drawed there Lotts and they ware Entered and Recorded as follows viz—

John Flint Esqr n° 12 on ye plain
Edward Flint N° 10 on ye plain
m^{r} Stephen Chase n° 5 on ye plain
John Lawrance n° 15 on ye plain
Sam^{ll} Smith n° 39 on ye hill Lotts so Caled
David Whitaker n° 4 on ye plain
Thom^{s} munroe n° 9 on ye plain

Samuel Lackey n° 1 on ye plain
Asa Doughlass n° 25 on ye hill
Sam^ll^ Hunt n° 20 on the hill
m^r^ Daniel Rogers n° 22 on ye hill
Jonath^n^ Fisk n° 3 on ye plain
Jeremiah Holman 3 on the hill
Sam^ll^ Wright n° 6 on ye plain
Benj^a^ Harwood n° 9 on ye hill
Thom^s^ Jones n° 26 on ye hill
Ebenezer Harwood n° 11 on ye plain
John munroe n° 40 on ye hill
Henry Yours n° 4 on ye hill
Sam^ll^ Winshop n° 8 on ye hill
Richard Armes n° 33 on ye hill
Benj^a^ Reed n° 29 on ye hill
Abner Kent n° 7 on ye hill
Jonath^n^ prescott n° 10 on ye hill
Benj^a^ Fitch n° 2 on ye plain
Jonath^n^ Wheeler n° 13 on ye hill
Anrow Macchure n° 21 on ye hill
John Muzzey n° 24 on ye hill
David Wetherbee 6 on ye hill
Josiah Conant n° 19 on ye plain
Josiah Jones n° 18 on ye hill
Joseph Wright n° 21 on ye hill
Joseph Baker n° 30 on ye hill
Francis Fletcher n° 23 on ye hill
Zacheus Whitney n° 34 on ye hill
Joseph Harwood n° 2 on ye hill
John Flagg n° 15 on ye hill
Israll Connant n° 20 on ye plain
John Ludgate n° 1 on ye hill
William Stacy n° 8 on ye plain
John Fox n° 2 on ye plain
Nath^ll^ Ball n° 7 on ye plain
James Cuttler n° 18 on ye plain
Joseph Adames n° 28 on ye hill
Sam^ll^ Whitemore 35 on ye hill
Jabez Keys n° 23 on ye plain
Thomas Ball n° 19 on ye hill
m^r^ James osgood n° 37 on ye hill
William Bowers n° 16 on ye plain
John Holding n° 32 on ye hill
Gershom Flagg n° 14 on ye hill
Hezekiah Dunkley n° 31 on ye hill
Willm Johnson n° 12 on ye hill
Isaac Miller n° 17 on ye hill

Charles Killiame n° 11 on ye hill
David Wood Esqr n° 16 on ye hill
Thomas Richardson 38 on ye hill
Zacheus Pirkins n° 14 on ye plain
Joseph Baker 17 on ye plain
David Come n° 27 on ye hill

Concord [Mass.] March 29th 1738

A meeting of the propr^rs^ of the Township n° three Lying on ye Easterly Side of Connecticut River the Following votes were Past viz—

Chose John Flint Esqr moderator for s^d^ meeting

then voted that they would Chuse a Committee to view and Clear away from the Assuvalotts Townships in ye most Convenant Place to ye s^d^ Township n° three and Bun ye woods also voted to Chuse Seven of S^d^ prop^rs^ to Effect Said affair at ye Charge of the prop^rs^

voted that if Any of the Proprietors Shall See Cause to go with s^d^ Comm^tee^ and help Do ye work they shall have as good pay as s^d^ Comm^tee^ said Com^ttee^ being Impowered to Take a Suryeor to assist them in s^d^ affair

Decem^r^ ye 5 1738

A meeting of ye prop^rs^ of the Township n° 3 m^r^ James osgood moderator voted that they Exceipt of the Report of the Committee Chosen to view and Clear away from the assoway lot towns to s^d^ num^r^ three voted that Each proprietor pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings to ye prop^rs^ Clerk for ye Clearing and Laying out a way to ye afores^d^ Township

A meeting of the Prop^rs^ of the Township n° three Lying on ye Easterly side of Connecticut River August 20th 1751 Capt Benj^a^ Read Chosen moderator Proposed to Said prop^rs^ that if Ten or more of said prop^rs^ or others in there Rooms to ye Exceiptance of said prop^rs^ Shall Go on and settle there Lotts forthwith then Each proprietor Shall pay the sum of one pound Six Shillings and Eight pence Lawfull money for ye In Courridgement & Speady Settlement of s^d^ Township voted in ye affermitive

ye meeting was adjoyrned to Novem^r^ 28 1751 at ye house of m^r^ Joneses at Concord

the said proprietors mett according to ye adjornment Novem^r^ 28 1751 voted to Raise twenty Shillings old tener for ye use of ye prop^rs^ for each Lott to pay then proposed to Grant to m^r^ Abner Sawyer for bulding a Saw mill in s^d^ Township two Hundred acres of Land if he bulds it at Cold River or two hundred & fifty if he bulds it at a place Called bever brook to

be Determined by a Committee which place it Shall be bult at the Said Sawyer to keep it in Good Repair fifteen years for Sawing and Said mill to be Completed and fit for Sawing by ye first Day of october next after Date voted on ye affermitive

proposed wether Isaac miller David page Thomas Adams Luke Brown & Benj^a^ Stowell to be ye Committee to Determine s^d^ mill place and to Take bond of Said Abner Sawyer for ye true performance of the foregoing vote voted on ye affermitive

Worcester February the 5th 1752

At a Meeting of the Prop^rs^ of the Township N^o^ Three on ye Easterly Side of Connecticut River and meett on ye Day afores^d^—

Then voted and Chose John Hazeltine Esqr moderator for s^d^ meeting—

proposed whether they would Chuse a Committee to prefer a pitition to the Grate and General Court of the province of Newhampshire or to ye Gente^n^ Conceirnd in Granting Townships that they would be Pleased to Grant the afores^d^ Township to ye Said Prop^rs^ the said Township now falling within ye Said province of Newhampshire Voted In the affermitive then Voted and Chose John Hazeltine Esqr and m^r^ Abner Sawyer to procute and Effect s^d^ vote and Carry on s^d^ affair as they Shall think proper

Votd and Chose mr Isaac miller and David Cuttler the Colecters to Gather in s^d^ money Granted and voted and Chose Deacon Benj^a^ Woodbury Treas^r^ for s^d^ propri^rs^

the above and foregoing votes are True Copys Taken out of ye prop^rs^ Book of Records of the Township N° 3 —— ——

Att^st^ Joseph Baker prop^rs^ Clerk

[*Original Grantees.*]

John Flint Esqr	John Ludgate	David Wetherbe
Edward Flint	Willm Stacey	Josiah Conant
mr Stephen Chase	John Fox	James Cuttler
John Lawrance	Nath^ll^ Ball	Joseph Adams
Sam^ll^ Smith	Jeremiah Holman	Samuel Whetemore
David Whiteaker	Sam^ll^ Wright	Jabez Keep
Thomas Munroe	Benj^a^ Harwood	Thomas Ball
Sam^ll^ Lackey	Ebenezer Harwood	m^r^ James osgood
Asa Douglass	John Munroe	Willm Bowers
Sam^ll^ Hunt	Thomas Jones	John Holding
m^r^ Daniel Rogers	Henry Yours	Gershom Flagg

Jonath^{n} Fisk	Samuel Winshop	Hezekiah Dunkley
Josiah Jones	Richard Armes	Willm Johnson
Joseph wright	Benj^{a} Read	Isaac Miller
Joseph Baker	Abner Kent	Charles Killime
Francis Fletcher	Jonath^{n} prescott	David wood Esqr
Zacheus Whitney	Benj^{a} Fitch	Thomas Richardson
Joseph Harwood	Jonath^{n} Wheeler	Zacheus Perkins
John Flagg	Androw Maclure	David Come
Isreal Conant	John Muzzey	Joseph Baker

The above Persons were the orignall Grantees of the Township n^{o} three Lying on ye Esterly side of Connecticutt River and at the Grate Falls &c as Entered on the proprietors Book of Records

Attst Joseph Baker pro^{rs} Clerk

Taken off s^{d} Book oct^{r} 18th 1752 and is a True Copy

Att^{s} Jos Baker pro^{rs} Clerk

[11–24] [*Petition for Encouragement to manufacture Linseed Oil: addressed to the General Court, 1773.*]

The petition of John Marcy and Ebenezer Swan of Walpole in the County of Cheshire and province aforesaid—Humbly sheweth that your petitioners, from the Generous motive of the publick good, as well as their own perticular profit and advantage, have determined to erect in the town of Walpole aforesaid a mill, for the purpose of making Linseed Oil; provided they may Enjoy such privileges and Advantages as are hereafter Mentioned and which (with Submission to your Excellencys and Honours Superior Judgment) your petitioners imagine to be absolutely Necessary either for publick utility or private advantage, experience teaches that when persons have under taken to prosecute any new scheme, which, in a few hands, might be advantageous to the publick and to the Managers, others (from hopes and Expectations of the great gains arising therefrom) undertake the same, to the Destruction of said business and to great Damage of those who First engaged therein, as your Excellency and Honours can't but be Sensible has been the case with regard to the Potash and Pearlash Trade your petitioners therefore being Apprehensive, that they might in this way, be great Sufferers, Humbly pray that Your Excellency and Honours would Grant them that no other person or persons whatever shall be allowed to Erect any Mill or Mills within the County of Cheshire aforesaid for and during the Term of

Twenty Years And your petitioners shall as in Duty Bound ever pray &c

May ye 8th 1773

John Marcy
Eben^r^ Swan

[In H. of Rep., May 26, 1773, voted that the foregoing petition be granted.—Ed.]

[R. 4–135] [*Petition in favor of Dr. Silas Baldwin, 1763.*]

The petition of Benjamin Bellows of Walpole our province aforesaid attorney to Doc^t^ Silias Baldwen of Darby In ye Colloney of Connectcut Humbly sheweth that the said Silus Baldwin In ye year 1757 was Desired by Majer Thomas Tash to take the Care of Sundry Sick Soulders under his Command belonging to Coll Mescerves Ridgment then stationed on Connectcut River below N° 4 So Called In ye province and that he ye s^d^ Tash would Se that ye province of Newhampshire should pay him for ye same acording to ye account here with presented and your petitioners disires that your Excelency and Honours would take it Into your Wise Consideration and Elow ye same as you shall think proper and your petetioner will be Oblidged as In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

B Bellows

June 9th 1763

[In H. of Rep., June 11, 1763, he was allowed £10 sterling.—Ed.]

[R. 4–136] [*Statement of County Committee of Safety, 1776.*]

The petition of Asa Brigham and others Committee appointed by the free Suffrages of the County of Cheshire Humbly Sheweth—

That Whereas person Inimical to the Liberties of the free States of America frequent as is apprehended by this County Conveying Intelligence to our Enemies greatly to the Damage of the Common Cause—Therefore Humbly pray in Behalf of s^d^ County that some Resolve pass your Honours to hinder their progress, we would not think to Dictate but we humbly Conceive the method Come into by the Governor and Committee of Safety for Connecticut would be a Ready method to accom-

plish the afores[d] Designs all which is humbly Submitted and your petitioners as in duty bound shall Ever pray—

Asa Brigham
Eph[m] Baldwin } Com[ee]
Reuben Alexander

Walpole Aug[t] 6th 1776

[Rev. Papers, page 11.]

[*Col. Bellows's Return of Officers in 16th Regiment, 1776.*]

Agreable to a Vote Passed in Congress at Exeter Jan[y] 4th 1776, I herewith make return of the Commission Officers of the Several Companys in the Sixteenth Regiment of Militia in the Colony of New Hampshire—

1st Comp[y] in Charlestown Abel Walker Captain, Samuel Wetherbe 1st Lieut James Farnsworth 2[d] Lieut Bradstreet Spafford Ensign—

2[d] Comp[y] in Walpole Christopher Webber Capt John Janison 1st Lieut Levi Hooper 2[d] D° Ebenezer Swan Ensign—

3[d] Comp[y] in Alstead Nathaniel Sartwell Prentice Captain, Andrew Beckwith 1st Lieu[t] Edward Waldo 2[d] D° Oliver Shepherd Ensign—

4th Comp[y] in Claremont Oliver Ashley Cap[t] Samuel Ashley 1st Lieu[t] Asa Jones 2[d] D° Lemuel Hubbard Ensign—

5th Comp[y] in New Port, Samuel Hurd Captain, Jesse Wilcocks 1st Lieu[t] Ezra Pamele 2[d] D° Jesse Lane Ensign—

6th Comp[y] in Marlow, Samuel Canfield Cap[t] Ruel Royse 1st Lieu[t] William Reed 2[d] D° Eber Lewis Ensign—

7th Comp[y] in Acworth, William Kyse Captain, Samuel Harper 1st Lieu[t] John Rogers 2[d] D°

8th Company in Lemster, William Cary Captain Samuel Nichols 1st Lieu[t] Silas Bingham 2[d] D° Jabez Beckwith Ensign—

9th Comp[y] in Unity Nathaniel Huntoon Captain Amos Chase 1st Lieu[t] Moses Thirston 2[d] D° Simeon Giddens Ensign—

10th Comp[y] in Saville Samuel Gunison Captain Benjamin Thurbour 1st Lieu[t] William Lang 2[d] D° George Lear Ensign

Benj[a] Bellows Jun[r] Colonel

Walpole March 15th 1776

To the Hon[ble] Council or Assembly of the Colony of New Hampshire at Exeter

[11–25] [*Proceedings of a Committee who proposed to manufacture Fire-Arms, 1776.*]

Walpole Augt 14th 1776

At a Meeting of the Committee Chose by the County for to Set up and Carry on the Manufactory of Fire Arms—

First made Choice of Benjamin Bellows Junr Esq Chairman of said Com^{tee}—

Secondly Chose Thomas Sparhawk Esq Treasurer &c—

Thirdly Voted that Nathaniel Sartwell Prentice Esq be Impowered to hire and recive out of the Colony Treasury or otherwise the Sum of three Hundred Pounds Lawful money to be Expended in the Business of making Fire Arms within the County of Cheshire that he pay the same to Thomas Sparhawk Esq Treasurer of said Committee and that the Com^{tee} Chosen to Transact the Business aforesaid be Suerties for the aforesaid sum of money—

Benj^{a} Bellows Junr Chairman

[R. 4–137] [*Thomas Messer, sick Soldier, 1777.*]

Thomas Messer soldier in Cap Jason Waits Company and in Col Bedels Reg^{t} returning home to Walpole in the State of New Hampshire Sep 4, 1776 very sick and infirm from Ticonderoga I being called upon lent him the following Assistance which he is—Dr.—

Viz, Six visits 5 miles travel with medicine and sundry Medicines sent— £3, 12, 8

Errors Excepted—

Per Elkanah Day, Physician

Westminster 31, Oct^{o} 1777—

[Sworn to before Benjamin Bellows.—Ed.]

[R. 4–139] [*Petition of Isaac Calcott, 1778.*]

The petition of Isaac Calcott a Soldier in Capt Jason Waits Company in Col Ciellys Regiment Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner was taken Prisoner att the Battle of Hubbardtown the 7th of July 1777 and has Remained A Prisoner Ever Since till ye 17th Day of October 1778 when he was Exchanged att Boston by A Carteel from Halifax Whereby Your Petitioner has Liberty to Join his Regiment but he is Entirely Destitute of Money to Bear his Expences on the Road Wherefore Your

Petitioner prays Your Honours to Grant him Some part of his past wages or So much Money as will Enable him to Go to the Army and Join his Regiment and to Leave Some with his wife and Child who has Not had any Money Since he was taken Prisoner and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray—

Isaac Calcott

Exeter Novr 6th 1778

[November 7, 1778, he was allowed £10. Isaac Calcott is on Col. Cilley's roll of absentees, dated Valley Forge, January 10, 1778, age 43. Reported a prisoner in Canada. —Ed.]

[R. 4–141] [*Soldier's Order, 1780.*]

For Value Re^{d} Sir plese to pay to the Barrer five pounds Which is my Bunty money: and Six months Wages: or that part of S^{d} Wagges that the State pays; for Six Months Sarvice that I have Done in the Continental armey in the first New Hampshire Reg^{mt} Commanded By Co^{ll} Joseph Cilers and in Capt mody Dustines Companey Said Service Commenct on or aboute the first of July and Ending the Last Day of December 1780, and this Order Shall be your Discharge for Said Bounty and Wagges from me

Walpole December ye 22 1780 Hugh his × mark Warrin

Witness Elisha Fullam
Phinehes Brown

To the pay master General Orr his deputy or Who Soever Shall pay the sad waggs

[Superscribed] This money to be paid General Bellows.

[11–27] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to build a Bridge over Connecticut River: addressed to the General Court, February, 1780.*]

Humbly show

The Inhabitants of the Towns of Charlestown, Rockingham, Walpole, Westminster and Westmoreland.—That the having a Bridge over Connecticut River, at a place called the Falls, in the north part of Walpole; would be greatly advantageous, not only, to the Inhabitants of the Towns aforesaid; but to the publick in general—And that it is the opinion of several skillful

Architects, that a good and durable Bridge, might be laid across the River, at the said Falls—And as the Benefits arising from having a Bridge there, would extend to numbers, who can't, by the laws now in force, be compeled to contribute to the expence of it—Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that a Lottery may be granted for the purpose of raising a sum of money for the building a Bridge as aforesaid, and that the business may be commited to the Care of such persons (Inhabitants of the Towns aforesaid) as to you shall seem good—and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Sam[ll] Hunt	Ben. West	William Hutchins
Lem[l] Hastings	Bulkley Olcott	Dudley Chase
Joseph King	Josiah Johnson	Joseph Higgins
Oliver Corey	Josha allcot	Step[h] Yeomans
Elijah King	Oliver Lovell	James Butterfield
Shen Kentfield	Simon Sartwel	Aaron Brown
John Hubbard	Eben[r] Swan	Edward How
Jon[a] Hubbard	Robert Wier	Elijah Temple
John Haskins	John Smith	Daniel Carlile
Tho[s] Putnam	Isaac Johnson	William Temple
Stephen Alvord	Benj[a] Bellows	Elias Gates
Abel Walker	George Aldrich	Abner How
Elisha Dickinson	Isaac Butterfield	Joseph Lord
Sim. Olcott	Jonathan Cole	William Brockway

[11–26] [*Relative to Convention to form a Constitution; Grievances, etc.*]

To the Hon[le] Committee appointed by the Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire to hear matters of Grievance to the Inhabitants of said State on Connecticut River.

The Town of Walpole, by us, their Committee, lay before your Honors the following matters of Complaint, to themselves and others; which were the ground and reason of their giving such Instructions to Capt Webber their Representative as they did, which, no doubt you are acquainted with; We do not pretend to give Law to others, but to assert our own Rights, and to act the part we take as the Publick Good requires.—

The general uneasiness which subsists in the County above us, on account of their supposed unequal Representation as well as in other parts of the State, together with our transition from Dependence to Independence in our opinion, render it expedient to form a lasting Plan of Government as soon as may be: The Precepts from Congress to choose the Representatives that formed the present Plan and the recommendation from the

Continental Congress, had reference only to the continuance of our Contest with Great Britain in our Dependent State; which now ceas[d] we apprehend a new and lasting Plan is necessary to be formed. And if the necessary business of the State forbid the dissolution of the present Assembly, and calling a new one for the purpose aforesaid, that the present Assembly issue Precepts to the several incorporated Towns within the State for such a Number of Delegates to be proportioned to the several Counties within the state as they, the Assembly, shall think proper for the express purpose of the Organization of Government; that a plan thereof be sent to each Town for their approbation; Which, being approved of by a Majority, shall be the Constitutional Plan of Government for this State; and after issuing Writs for the choice of Representatives on said Plan the Convention then to dissolve themselves. And we are the rather inclined to persist in our Opinion of the expediency of this measure, because of the alarming behavior of some that have been and still are Members of Council or House, in recommending one another or their particular inmates to places of publick trust, confining all Offices as much as may be to themselves, setting bad precedents of venality and avarice; In requiring Money for bringing up Commissions to Civil or Military Officers; In treating one another at the Cost and Charge of the Field Officers of this Regiment under the notion (to use the common phrase) of Wetting their Commissions, which spunging practice we imagine has a dangerous tendency; In appointing a Sheriff in this County, before Col[l] Hunt, to whom it was offered, refused to accept—

And in that no method is as yet taken to support the Ministers of the Gospel, but a present Member has encouraged many in Charlestown, to refuse to fulfill the publick Contract of the Town for that purpose—And in as much as many of the Representatives of this part of the State, are sent out of the House to transact such business as might be done by others, whilst their Constituents, during their absence, remain unrepresented. We charge not these things upon all of the present Hon[le] Council and House many of Whom we highly honor, respect and esteem for their Spirited exertions for the Weal and Prosperity of Church and State; particularly in condescending to travel so far to hear and enquire into the causes and grounds of our uneasiness—Yet that what we complain of is real, we want not proof; redress we cannot expect, while the persons pointed at remain in the Assembly, with unlimited influence and importance, to which, we hope these Facts thus stated and held up to publick view will at least be a curb and restraint. If any of these matters of Grievance appear trivial to some, and of small importance, they do not appear so to us; The instances of

Avarice and venality we have hinted at are alarming: And for a Member of Council or House to encourage the violation of publick contracts for destroying the standing Ministers and Churches is what we cannot but dislike, in a peculiar manner; as we are fully of the opinion that Religion is a principal Barrier if not the foundation of Civil Government, and that the Teachers of it ought, even in a political view, to be supported and maintained.—Not out of a querulous humour, but anxious for the preservation of our Rights not only Civil but Sacred, wh^{ch} are struck at, and which the disposition of to, too many belonging to the Assembly, give us just reason to think, they are no Friends to.—We here lay before your Honors our Complaints, and are ready to be rectified in any Mistakes we have made, much more are we desirous of being eased of these burdens.—

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Walpole, Feby 3^{d} 1777.

Voted that Elisha Marsh Esqr Lieut: Levi Hooper, Samuel Trott Esqr Capt John Marcy Capt Josiah Goldsmith, Lieut: Amos Babcock and Mr Barnabas Delano be a Committee to wait upon the Committee appointed by the General Assembly, to hear and enquire into the Cause of uneasiness, in this, and other parts of the State; And that the above be exhibited to said Committee as the grounds of our uneasiness and discontent.

Attest Benj^{a} Bellows Junr Town Clark

[11–28] [*Statement relative to Vermont Controversy, etc., 1781.*]

The representation of sundry Inhabitants in the Town of Walpole in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire to the Hon^{le} Legislature of said State Anxious for the good of New Hampshire, by an inclusion of all its Grants within its Territorial Jurisdiction, and suspicious, lest thro' the influence of some, who had not the same opinion with us, concerning the true interest of said State, a Claim should not be laid, and efficaciously prosecuted over said Tract of Land; Some, well affected then, and still firmly attached to the interest of New Hampshire, did set forward a Convention of Delegates from the several Towns in the County of Cheshire for the purpose of a Union of the whole of the New Hampshire Grants (so called) as their doings shew—when a more general Convention from all the Towns on the Grants was agreed upon; by whom, at their meeting a Union was agreed upon with the

State of Vermont (so called) of this County and the County of Grafton to Masons line, upon terms inconsistant (as we imagine) with our connection with this State, and our fidelity to the united States, and unequal in themselves; as to us—

Against which union some protested in Convention but to no purpose, we, in our Town Meetings for its ratification and completion have entered our protests against it, but a Majority have prevailed against us, so as to prevent a compliance with your Requisitions, for Men, Money & Beef, except that agreeable to our usual expedition we have raised our Men saveing one for filling up the Continental Battalions. Our case is pitiable and calls for speedy direction and relief; we have ever thought ourselves members of one of the Thirteen united States, and that all the Territory between Nova Scotia and Canada was under the Jurisdiction of some one of these States: We have been practically united with Hampshire in framing the present temporary Constitution in form^{s} and continuing the Continental Congress, in submitting to, & complying with their recommendations, and some of us have sworn to be faithful to this State—To be cutt off from the United States (as we must by a union with Vermont) and not be included in their Confederation is what we most heartily deprecate—& if more strenuous exertions are not made, by the State to which we profess to belong, than we have yet felt, we must sink under the unequal contest. Our scituation is perplexed a majority of our Selectmen are for Vermont, one Constable also, Town affairs are stagnated, we know not what to do, desire you to inform us—Orders have issued for choosing Officers Civil and Military & some who were formerly suspected of being unfriendly and were confined within certain limits by men forward in this union and under solemn Obligations of fidelity to this State, are preferred to office—We have as many men required of us as tho' we had done little or nothing in the War,—The denial of the authority of Congress and a separation from the united States fills us with solicitude—We look therefore to you as the Guardians of our Rights and Priviledges as the Political Fathers of this State for direction respecting the Premises. To use importunity and freedom is our duty in present circumstances; we desire something Catagorical and conclusive by way of answer to the following queries—whether you mean to consider the Grants East of Connecticut River as a part of your State, and to exercise jurisdiction over the inhabitants thereon? Whether the Assembly will urge it upon our Delegates in Congress that this unhappy dispute may be speedily bro't to an issue? for by the by, we are unwilling to submit to a Constitution of Gover^{t} we have no voice in forming and officers not of our choosing, tho' Anarchy and confusion we deprecate More-

over whether it be advisable to submit to any mandates from Vermont, and how far to resist? whether we can raise Men, Money Beef &c for the use of the Army, individually considered, and have the same discount so much of our proportion of the publick Debt? By the exertions of the dying authority of this State we have appointed the bearer hereof to continue to set in the convention at Concord provided you give a favorable answer to this we wait your resolutions with impatience—wishing prosperity to this and the United States we Subscribe

Walpole May 25th 1781

Benj[a] Bellows	John Meriam	John Jenison
John Kilburn	Jonathan Jenison	Benjamin Smith
Josiah Goldsmith	Aaron allen	Elisha Fullam
John Bellows	Joshua Gilman	William Joyner
Isaac Johnson	Roland Hall	Isaac Johnson Junr
Martin Ashley	James Lewis	Jon[a] Shipman
Joseph Griswold	John Meriam Junr	Jonathan Bixby
Christopher wells	Abijah Parker	Theodore Bellows
Samuel Trott	Lemuel Stone	Thomas Bellows
Alex[r] m[c]neill	Barnabas Willy	
Cons[t] Gilman	Daniel Whipple	

[A superscription on the foregoing is as follows: "Petition from Walpole Westmoreland & Swanzey."—Ed.]

[11–29] [*Petition for Authority to erect a Toll-Bridge over Connecticut River: addressed to the General Court, October, 1783.*]

Enoch Hale of Rindge in the County of Cheshire and State aforesaid Esq[r] Humbly Sheweth that the Passing over Connecticut River in the western Part of this State has in Some Seasons of the year been Impracticable and at maney Times has been attended with the Loss of Cattle horses and Even of mens Lives—and your Petitioner beeing of opinion that a Bridge might be arected & Built over Said River much to the advantage and Safety of the Publick Travil—wherefore your Petitioner Humbly Prayes, that he may have the Liberty and Previledge Granted to him his Heirs and assigns forever of Building & keeping in Repair a Good and Surficient Bridge over Said River at or Near the Great falls in the Town of warlpole Commonley Called Bellows[s]-falls and that your Petitioner his heirs and assignes may be entitled To Receive the Same Pay from all Passingers that may Pass over the Same for them Selves

their Cattle horses or Carrigies & other accoutraments as aney ferriman hath been entitled to Receive for doing & Performing the Same Service with a Boat over the Said River—and your Petitioner as in duty bound Shall Ever Pray

Rindge october 24th 1783

Enoch Hale

[A charter was granted to Col. Hale Dec. 31, 1783.—Ed.]

[R. 4–142] [*Soldiers' Orders.*]

To the Treasurer of Newhampshire

Sir please to pay Jonathan Ramsey what wages is due to me for the year 1781 and this Order shall be your Sufichant discharg from me it being fo Vallue Recd by me at Walpole this 24th July 1784

Nathel Dow

Isaac his × mark Davis

——— Rogers

Walpole Novr 16th——

To the Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire,

please to pay to Robert B. Wilkins, all the Depreciation of wages due to me as a Soldier in the 3d New Hampshire Regt in the Late Army of the United States and his Rect Shall be your discharge from me—

Test John moore

John Marten

[R. 4–143] [*Samuel Eastman, Soldier, 1785.*]

The Petition of Jonathan Eastman of walpole Humbley Sheweth that your Petitioner had a Son Samuel Eastman who inlisted february 1778 a Soldier into Jason waits Company in Colo Cileys Rigement in the Continental Army and Served till August 24 Day 1778 on which he Died—and as their has neaver Ben Eany Return of him on the Roals in the Comiee on Claimes Office I Am Deprived of his wagers and what is Justley Due to me—now your Petitioner hath no Oather Resort But to your Honours—Therefore prays that you would take his Cais into your wise Consideration and grant him Relaif By giveing him An order on the Treasurer or Eany Oather way as your Honours in your greait wisdom Shall Think fitt—and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound will Eaver Pray

Jonathan Eastman

Walpole may 24th 1785

This may certify that the above named Samuel Eastman was the Son of the above named Jon[a] Eastman that the said Samuel hath no legal Heir excepting his said Father

Tho Sparhawk

Walpole Jan[y] 26th 1785

[11-30] [*Benjamin Bellows for a Ferry, 1785.*]

To the Hon[ble] the Senate and House of Representatives to be convened at Concord October 20th 1785

Humbly Shews Benjamin Bellows of Walpole in the County of Cheshire

That a Committee being appointed by said County to alter the road in said Town of Walpole in Order to Accommodate the Public, it will be Necessary said road should pass through Land of your Petitioner and others and that a Ferry will be a great Additional Advantage thereto—

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly Prays Your Honors to grant to him and his heirs the Privelege of a Ferry from the South line of Walpole three miles as the River runs North, which will not interfere with any other Ferry already granted or now prayed for under such restrictions and Limitations as Your Honors in Your Wisdom shall see meet and your Petitioner shall ever pray—

Benj[a] Bellows

Walpole Oct[r] 10th 1785—

[The charter asked for in the foregoing was granted in 1786.—Ed.]

[11-31] [*Petition for a Grant of Powder to clear the Channel at Bellows Falls: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Enoch Hale of Rindge in the County of Cheshire and State aforesaid Esq[r]—in behalf of a number of the Inhabitants in the western Part of said State most Humbly Sheweth that the Situation of the Great Falls in Connecticut River in the town of walpole in said State is such by means of Large Rocks and in perticular one Great Barr laying acrost the Chanel that maney persons Suffer Grate damage in Giting masts and other Timbers down said River—and as maney persons has proposed to Subscribe according to there abillities to Clear the said Channel for the Safety of bringing down Timber as also with hopes of

leting up the fish which has Ever been Stoped by the aforesaid Barr—and as the want of powder appears to be the Greatest hindrence in the prosicuting of said work wherefore your petitioner Humbly prays that the powder Now Stored in Charlestown in said State in the Care of Elijah Grout Esqr and belonging to the said State may be Granted for the use aforesaid under such Restrictions and Regulations as your Honors shall see meet and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall Ever pray

Enoch Hale

Concord February 11th 1785

[11–32] [*Relative to Territory taken for the formation of Langdon, 1787.*]

State of New Hampshire To the Honorable General Court of said State—

The petition of Benjamin Bellows and others in behalf of the town of Walpole in said State humbly sheweth, that at the request of a number of the Inhabitants of the Eastwardly part of Charlestown in said State, the Inhabitants of said Walpole, (at a legal meeting on the fifth day of April Anno Domini 1786) voted very unanimously, to set off all the Land in said Walpole North of the North Line of the Hon^{le} George Atkinson's Land, in the Northwardly part of said Walpole, beginning at the East Line of said Walpole and extending to Connecticut River, for the purpose of forming a Town or Parish with the said Eastwardly part of said Charlestown, that at the meeting aforesaid, it was proposed to have such a part of said Walpole, only, set off, as hath been set off and established by the last General Court, to which proposal said Walpole would not agree, neither would they vote off any part of the town, unless in the manner first abovementioned, because it would leave Walpole in a disagreeable form, besides other Inconveniences and Disadvantages, notwithstanding all which, said Walpole have been informed, that the Gentleman who represented them the last year, used his influence and really did influence the hon^{le} Court in this matter, contrary to the minds of his constituents—Wherefore said Walpole at their Annual Meeting in March last, did authorize and appoint your petitioners, the Subscribers, a Com^{tee} to lay before your honors the disadvantages arising from said Walpoles being left in such a form as now is, and in order hereto we would state in, addition to what is abovesaid, these facts following viz that it leaves a Slip of Land adjoining the River aforesaid, One Mile and two hundred Rods in length &

two hundred and Fifty Rods wide, that there is two Miles or more of Road and some of it very bad, to repair that the inhabitants of said Walpole must be obliged to travel nearly Seven Miles to work upon said Road, and in order to give your Honors to understand more clearly as well as to prove the facts aforesaid, a plan of the town agreeable to the first Survey, and of its present form, will be herewith exhibited Wherefore your petitioners (in behalf of s^{d} Walpole) humbly pray your honors to take the subject matter of this petition into your wise Consideration, and grant that said Walpole may be divided agreeable to the Vote aforesaid, or that the lands already set off may revert and be reannexed to said Walpole and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Walpole June 4th 1787

Benj^{a} Bellows
Tho Sparkawk } Com^{tee}

[In H. of Rep., June 12, 1787, a hearing was ordered for the next session. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

[11–37] [*John Bellows for a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1792.*]

The Humble petition of John Bellows—sheweth—That for the conveniency of the Inhabitants of the Town of Walpole in perticular and benefit of the public in general it is necessary a Ferry should be established across Connecticut river—between the ferries already granted to Benjamin Bellows late of Walpole deceased and Benjamin Bellows now of Walpole—Wherefore your petitioner prays that a ferry may be granted to him between the aforesaid grants under such restrictions and regulations as in your Wisdom shall appear good—and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray—

John Bellows

[The grant was made in November, 1792.—Ed.]

[R. 4–145] [*Petition of John Nott, 1793.*]

More last words of John Nott—

most humbly and respectfully sheweth John Nott of Springfield in the State of Vermont, a poor, injured and much distressed Citizen of this depraved world, the Inhabitants of which, he, to his great cost and distress perceives are subject and liable

to many and very great mistakes and false notions in respect to what is in fact Just and equitable, and the more especially in regard to questions in which the Judges themselves are a party —Your honors will be pleased to pardon your petitioner, and once more, in your clemency, with patience hear his cries, prayers and entreaties, which he fully believes has long before this time reached the throne of Grace—Your Petitioner had not the fortune to be born a King, a Governor, a Senator nor a Representative, but he had the misfortune to have been the father of a Son by the name of Jesse Nott, who, though the son of a poor and unfortunate man, was esteemed and perhaps was, in nature, as likely as though he had been the son of a King, Governor, Senator, or Representative, & one in whom your Petitioner placed much greater dependance for aid and assistance, in case of old age, poverty, or disability of body, all of which have overtaken him, than any of the aforesaid classes of men have any necessaty to place in a Son—Your Petitioner further sheweth, that in time of the late war with great Britain, Glorious for your Honors, and much the reverse for your Petitioner, and much more so for his poor and unfortunate son Jesse Nott, the said Jesse Inlisted as one of the quota of this State, and was afterwards draughted into General Washingtons Guards, and the said Jesse, while in said service fighting in defince of, and to procure your Honors liberty and the right of holding your seats in the Legislature in order to do Justice to the distressed, lost his life, at which time there was due to him upwards of twenty pounds from this State, to recover which your Petitioner has gone through perils by sea and perils by land, perils at home and perils in a strange Country, in order to remove all the objections that the art and cuning of humane, or rather inhumane, creatures could invent against his receiving said small sum, the price of his said Sons life—Your Petitioner begs leave further to show, that having removed all the objections that ever had been made against his receiving the price of his poor & unfortunate Sons life, he came forward at this time flush'd in the expectation of receiving something in part to compensate him for the unwearied pains he has taken to recover the same, in order to save him from impending ruin —the objections heretofore made against said money being paid was that your Petitioner had given an order to one French therefor, which is now proved to have been taken back, and though it appears that said order, supposing it had not been given back was drawn in February 1789 and the money was drawn on the 24th of April 1788—more than a Year before the date of s^{d} order, and it is now suggested, as your Petit^{r} is informed, that after s^{d} order was taken back another order was obtained from your Petit^{r} by virtue whereof s^{d} money was prob-

ably drawn, which is a felo-de-se—and beside as there is no order, neither true nor forged in this State by virtue of which s^{d} money was drawn, Your Petitioner flatters himself that your Honors no longer will delay payment thereof—and thereby, (in case of longer delay) be the means of numbering him with his son Jesse Nott Deceas'd, whose life was as near and dear to your Petitioner as the life of a Son of any of your Honors is, or can be to you, or any of you—

wherefore Your petitioner, in the utmost distress, prays your Honors once more to consider and reconsider his unhappy situation, and give him liberty to be heard before Your Honors by himself and council, if any he can procure, and grant him such relief as to you may seem Just and he, as in duty bound, will pray no more—

John Nott

[He had petitioned several times before without success, and this met with the same fate. In some of his petitions he stated that his son served for Walpole. He petitioned again in 1795, in which he stated, "I have atended five seshons & two Jornies from Springfield into this State to the amount of fourteen Hundred miles & from Springfield to felodelphe seven hundred & fifty miles more forth & Back in all twenty one hundred & fifty miles and also Eight months & ten days time." In H. of Rep., June 11, 1795, he was allowed £22.11.6, and thereupon returned thanks as follows.—Ed.]

To the Hon^{rl} Gen^{rl} Court whareas your Hon^{rs} have with grate Patience Considered my hard case & have Voted me my money I with the Gratest grattetitude Give your Hon^{rs} my Unfained Thanks as your Very Hum^{bl} Se^{rt} John Nott

Hanover June 12, 1795.

WARNER.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts in 1735 to Thomas Stevens and others, many of whom were residents of Amesbury, in that province. It was called No. 1, and later, New Amesbury. The Masonian proprietors claimed the territory after the settlement of the province line, and granted it to seventy-six men, March 14, 1749. These grantees were mostly residents of

Rye and New Castle, many of them bore the name of Jenness, and the town was sometimes called Jenness-town. Settlements were made in 1762 by Daniel Annis and Reuben Kimball, and the town contained about fifty families in 1774.

December 29, 1767, the township was again granted by the Masonian proprietors to Jonathan Barnard and others, in consideration of the sum of £180. The town was incorporated by the governor and council, August 30. 1774, and named Warner, although the inhabitants desired to have it called Amesbury. This, however, is not an exception, as Gov. Wentworth named several other towns to please himself and friends regardless of the wishes of the inhabitants of the town.

A difference of opinion exists as to the derivation of the name, which has led to some controversy. Hon. Walter Harriman, the author of an interesting history of the town, claims that it was named in honor of Seth Warner, of Bennington, one of the New Hampshire grants, now situated in the state of Vermont, and gives his reasons therefor in full in that work. Others have claimed that it was named in honor of Hon. Daniel Warner, at that time a member of the governor's council. The editor, after considerable research, finds himself of the opinion that Gov. Wentworth named the town for his intimate friend, Col. Jonathan Warner, of Portsmouth, who married a cousin of the governor's, and was, at the time of the incorporation of Warner, a member of the governor's council.

By an act approved June 13, 1818, a tract of land known as Kearsarge Gore, with the inhabitants thereof, was annexed to Warner. Kearsarge mountain, one of the finest elevations in the central part of the state, is located on this territory.

Warner men in First N. H. Regiment:

Stephen Colby enlisted February 21, 1781; reported killed November 2, 1781.

Isaac Lowell enlisted May, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Daniel Young enlisted January 27, 1778; discharged December, 1780.

[11–39] [*Record of Proprietors' Meeting, 1741.*]

att a meeting of the Propritors of the Townsship No. one in the Line of Towns held by an Adjurnment from the 18th day of January 1741 for first day of feburary folowing and then met att the house of Jonathan Barnard Inholdr in Almsburey

Att the Same meetinge voted That Thomas Rowel Esqr and Joseph Juell Be a Committee to prefer a Petition in the name of the proprietors to the Governour and Council in the province of New Hampshire in order to obtain orders and directions therefrom to bringe forward the Setlment of Sd Township

a True Coppy as attst by me

Jonathan Barnard Proprietors Clark

[R. 4–150] [*Roll of Daniel Flood's Co.*]

this is a List of Captain Floods Company Daniel Flood Capt thomas Rowell first Levt Philip Flanders 2 Levit Joseph Currier Ensign

Abner Chase	James palmer	moses Clement
Abner Watkins	Isaac Chase	Nathaniel Trumbull
Christopher Flanders	Isaac Waldron Juner	Richard Goodwin
David Bagley	Jonathan gould	Robert gould
Daniel Currier	Joseph foster	Stephen Edmonds
David Annis	Jonathan Fyfield	Samuel trumbull
EbenEzar Eastman	James Flanders	thomas Anis
Ezra Flanders	Jonathan Smith	Wells Davis
Edmond Sawyer	John palmer	Zebulon Davis
FranCis Davis Juner	moses Call	theophilus Currier

gone in the Service

Jacob Waldron	David Gilmore	moses Clark
Jacob tucker	Daniel yong	paskey pressey
Isaac Walker	Hubard Carter	

Larm List men

Daniel annis	Joseph Sawyer	William Kelley
Daniel Flanders	Jonathan palmer	Baniamen Currier
Daniel annis Juner	Jacob Hoyt	Samuel Robe
Francis Davis	Nehemiah Heath	Seth goodwin
Isaac Waldron	permenius Watson	

Sir I have sent you a return of my Compeny according to your ordrs wee mustered and Can not make out to Chuse any Serjants as yet as for fire arms wee have not got half Enough

and where to get them wee know not our men Saith they Cannot get guns for they are not in the Country & Shall See you next week—

this from yours to serve Daniel Flood

To Major Chandler, in Hopkinton.

[R. 4–151] [*Soldiers' Deposition relative to Back Pay, 1777.*]

November ye 8: 1777. Then Paskey Pressey Ezekel Goodwin Samuel Trumbrel franies Davis all of Warner in the State of Newhampshire in ye County of Hillsborough yeoman Parsonaly appeared and Being Duly Examined and Corshened made Solomn Oath That Thay Sarved as Solders in Capt William Stillson Company in Colo Wymans Rigiment at Mont independence in the year 1776, for five months and Rece'd ower Pay untill the month of November and Never Recvd any Pay for Said November Not by ower Selves nor orders Direct nor inderact and that thay never Recvd aney Traveling money Nor aney Saus* money During Said Sarves Except ower Traveling money from hom to Said mount Independance which we Recvd—and thare fore Prays that Honorbl house of Representives or Comitee of Safty of Said State would alow Said month Pay and the Remaining Part of ower traveling money and Sauce money

Examined and Sworn before me—

Coram Jeremiah Page Justice of Peace

[R. 4–152] [*Return of Soldiers enlisted, 1778.*]

Warner January the 28—1778

persuant to orders and according to the Resolution of this State for Rasing and Equiping A Certain number of men for the Servace During the war or for three year our prepotion was Six men which wee have got in full their names are as followeth—

Hubbard Carter During war
Amos Flood for three year
Philip Rowell for three year
Aquillar Davis three year
Daniel young for three year
william mcBrittan of Savell three year

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*Money was furnished soldiers, sometimes, to purchase vegetables, which was called by them "sauce money."—Ed.

all these men belongs to our own town but one which we hired of Savell &c the town will pay Hubbard Carter the money as soon as they Can Colect it Daniel yong is Ready for you when you Call for him to go to the armey or to pass muster or Elsewhere that he is wanted—

Daniel Flood Capt

To Colo. Thomas Stickney, in ConCord, with care.

[11–42] [*Relative to Election of Representative: addressed to the Council and H. of Rep., 1778.*]

Sirs acording to a Precept Received To Chuse a Representative we Proceeded and Chose mr Daniel Morrill who hes Since Refused to Serve we therefore Pray your honors that a Precept may Be Issued for the Choice of another

Warner Febry ye 11th 1778

Danl Flanders } Select
Jacob Hoyt } men

[R. 4–153] [*Return of Soldiers, 1780.*]

State of new Hampshir
Warner June the 30—1780

agreeable to an act passed June the Sixteenth for raising Six hundred Good able bodied men out of this State for to fill up the battalions of this state in the continental armey in Compliance thereto wee have raissed said men which two was our propotion as followeth—ISaac Dolton James pressey

this is the return of Capt Daniel Flood

Colo Stickney I am afraid Said men Cannot get ready So Son as is required of them by reason of having my orDers So late

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[R. 4–154] [*Return of Soldiers, 1780.*]

State of New Hampshire Warner July the 8 1780

persuant to orders Dated July the first for to raise five men out of my Company and according to orders I have proceeded have Raised four men for to Joyn the armey and gave them orders to be at Amherst by the 12 Day of this month

John palmer
Nathaniel Trumbull
Israel Rand
Simon palmer

I have alSo Draughted EbenEzar Eastman for to go to Haverrill in Coos and ordered him to be at Concord by the tenth of this Instant to pass muster and then to proceed on to Coos there to remain till further orders

Daniel Flood

To Col° thomas Stickney in Concord

[R. 4–155] [*Simon Ward, Soldier.*]

Warner Jany 23rd 1789

We do hereby relinquish all our right and title to any emoluments that may be due to Simon Ward for doing a short Turn of Service in the late American army for this Town of about nine or 12 months in the year '79 or '80—

Benjamin Sargent } Select men
Richard Bartlett } Warner

[R. 4–156] [*Certificate of Simon Ward's Service, 1780.*]

This may certify that Simon Ward has serv'd the United States in Capt Chase's Company, Second New Hampshire Regiment, One year, being the time he engag'd for. And is hereby discharg'd the service—

West Point June 25, 1780—

Caleb Robinson Capt

Command^{g} 2^{d} N H Reg^{t}

Whom it concerns Civil or Military

[R. 4–159] [*William Lowell, wounded at Bunker Hill.*]

This may certify that Mr William Lowel of this town Was badly wounded in the battle at bunker Hill, June 17th 1775 Which has in a great measure rendered him unable to Support His family—he being then a Sargant in Capt Willm H. Ballard Company and Col^{r} Frys Regiment to all Concerned

James flanders
Benjamin Sargent } Selectmen of Warner—
Challis Foot

[R. 4–160] [*Certificate of Major Ballard.*]

Warner December 31st 1788—

This may certify that William Lowell a late resident in the town of Amesbury and Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and now a resident in the town of Warner and state of New-Hampshire; served in my company in Colⁿ Fryes Rigiment, as a Sergeant and he the said Lowell was wounded in the battle at Bunker-hill, June 17th 1775; and has suffered much by the badness of his wound, at that time was looked upon to be mortal.

Wᵐ Hudson Ballard Major

[R. 4–161] [*Certificate of Dr. Kittridge.*]

This may certify, that William Lowell—a Soldier in Colˡ Fry's Regiment, was wounded in the Battle on Bunker's Hill, June 17th 1775 by a ball passing through the cavity of the Abdomen, which enter'd in about 2 inches from the 9th vertebræ of the Back, and so passing in an oblique direction, in through the Latissmus Dorsi, & out through the Rectus Abdominis, was under my care during the case—

Thomas Kittridge Surgⁿ to said Regᵗ

[R. 4–162] [*Soldier's Order, 1791.*]

Warner Octʳ 26th 1791

To William Gardner Esq Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire please to pay to Robᵗ B: Wilkins all the wages in your hands due to me as a Soldier in the 3ᵈ New Hampshire Regᵗ in the late Army of the United States and his Recᵗ Shall be your Discharge from me—

Test witness my hand

Samuel ordway Aquila Davis

[11–40] [*Relative to an Allowance for Soldiers, 1786.*]

To the Honᵇˡᵉ the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened at Concord on the first Wednesday in June 1786.

The petition of David Bagley and others in behalf of the Inhabitants of the town of Warner in the County of Hillsborough shews—that in February last, an Order was drawn on the Treasurer of this State by the Honᵇˡᵉ John Langdon Esq then

President, therein directing him to pay to said town of Warner, by Discount out of the State Taxes, due for the deficiency of Soldiers, Forty pounds with Interest from May second 1781, and also forty pounds with Interest from June 14th 1781, to this time —being so much allowed to them for four Soldiers raised agreeable to an Act of Court passed March 21—1782—which Order has since appeared to be wrong, as one of the men to wit, Barnet Lowel, to whom the bounty was by said Order allowed, did not serve for said Town the term then supposed or for any Town in this State, but was held by the Town of Almsbury in the Massachusetts, during the War—

Wherefore your petitioner pray that the said Order may be received back, and another granted for the three men only, who did actually serve as aforesaid—

And as in duty bound still shall ever pray—

June 22d 1786—

David Bagley
Daniel Morrill
Francis ferren
Jacob Waldron

One of the Selectmen for the Town of Warner

[The petition was granted June 22, 1786.—Ed.]

[11-41] [*Relative to Dr. John Currier for Justice of the Peace, 1786.*]

To his Excellency John Sullivan Esqr President For the State of Newhampshire and the Honourable the Privy Council in Concord Conveaned—

Whereas wee your Humble petitioners are Inform'd that Doctor John Currier of Warner Hath Heretofore been on the List for a Justice of the Peace but by some means or other hath Not been appointed Whereby the Expectations of the People are Greatly Dissappointed, in our opinions Doctr Currier is in some Good measure Quallifyd for the Commission and a person well dispos'd therefore Humbly pray he may be appointed Justice of the Peace and wee as in duty bound will Ever pray

Warner 10th June 1786

Aquila Davis	Abner Sargent	Simon Ward
Thomas Annis	Daniel Flood	Isaac Lowell
Tappen Evans	David Bagley	Daniel Watson
Jacob waldron	Stephen Colby	Benjamin sargent
Moses Stevens	John Colby	Paskey Pressey

Nathan Davis	Israel Rand	Richard Straw
Solomon Annas	John Kelly	Zebulon Morrill
W^{m} H Ballard	James Pressey	Jonathan Rand
Robert Davis	Abner Chase	Philip flanders
Calvin flanders	William Lowell	Ezekiel Colby
Isaac Walker	moses Clement	Edmund Currier
Samuel Trumbal	Abner Hervey	

[11–43] [*Petition for the Appointment of a Committee to locate a Meeting-House: addressed to the General Court, 1788.*]

We the Inhabitants of the town of Warner your Humble petitioners humbly sheweth, Whereas your petitioners have for a Long time Greatly Suffered for the want of a Larger meeting-house: and are so Unhappy as not to agree on a place to build a New one, this is to prey your Honours to take it under your wise consideration and appoint us a Committee to appoint us a place for to set said Meeting house or Relieve us in some other way as you in your wisdom shall see fitt and we your Humble petitioners as in duty bound shall Ever prey

Warner June 11th y^{r} 1788

Benjamin Sargent } Selectmen in
Richd Bartlett } Behalf of the town

[The legislature appointed Ebenezer Webster, Robert Wallace, and Joseph Wadley, who reported in favor of the old meeting-house lot.—Ed.]

[11–44] [*Joseph Sawyer recommended for Justice of the Peace, 1788.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers Humbly sheweth that whereas we understand that Commissions of the Peace are soon to be Given. We wish that Joseph Sawyer who has heretofore been Honour'd with a Justices Commission and behaved with Integrity and Uprightness may again be favour'd with the Honour of that office. For the Town of Warner and your Petitioners Shall as in Bound ever pray—

Warner Decr 16: 1788

Daniel Flood	Ellet Colby	John Davise
Jacob Waldron	Enoch Currier	Isaiah Flanders
Parmenas Watson	Robert Gould	Nathan Colby

Daniel Watson
Moses Clark
Stephen Colby
Zebe^{n} Morrill
Zeb^{n} Flanders
Moses Flanders
Thos Barnet
Ezra Waldron
Abr^{a} Currier
Benj^{a} Serjeant

[11-45] [*Zebulon Morrill recommended for Coroner, 1789.*]

To His Excellency the President of the State of New Hampshire and the Honourable Council Gentlemen—

We your Petitioners Humbly sheweth that whereas there is no Coroner in the Town of Warner, your Petitioners think it highly necessary that there shou'd be one, and we also think that Zebulon Morril of said Warner is a proper and Sutable Parson for a Coroner, and we your Petitioners pray that your Honours wou'd take it into your wise considerations and grant the said Zebulon Morril a Coroners Commission if your Honours shou'd think it consistant and Necessary, and we as in Duty bound Shall Ever Pray—

Warner December 2th 1789

Isaac Waldron
Jonathan Gould
John Kelly
Zeb^{n} Flanders
Jacob Waldren
Wil^{m} morrill
Wells Davis
Ezra Waldren
Enoch Currier
John Morrill
Asa Herriman
Isaac Ellot
Wm Currier
Moses Flanders
Joseph Currier
Moses Clark
Daniel Watson
Francies ferren
Challis foot
Parmenas Watson
Joseph foster
John Pearson
Edmund Sawyer
Ruben Kimbel
Beniamin Foster
Ellet Colby
Pasky Pressy
Daniel Curier
Stephen Colby
Samuel Pearson
moses Clement
Thomas Annis
Parker Clement
Oliver Clement
Jonathan Watson
Joseph Greeley
Joseph Sawyer
Jo^{s} Bartlett
David Gilmore
frances Davis
Nathan Davis
Jacob Whitcomb
Asa Putneny
Stephen Badger
moses Stevens
Aquila Davis

[11-46] [*Kearsarge Gore for a Division: addressed to the General Court, 1792.*]

Your petitioner humbly Sheweth that the Inhabitants of a place called Kearsarge Gore in s^{d} State labour under many Disadvantages by reason of bad roads and no mills and are very poor and are not in a Capacity to choose Selectmen to assess

Taxes and that the Treasurer of said State has Sent precepts and requested them to pay State Taxes therefore your petitioner prays that their past State Taxes may be abated or such a part thereof as you in your Wisdom shall think fit and annex all the northern part of the s^{d} Gore with Andover Excepting Seven lots (vis) N° 19 : 20 : 21 : 22 : 23 : 24 : & 25 and that those lots be annexed to New london—the remainder of said Gore to Salisbury and your petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray—

Joseph Flanders

in behalf of the Inhabitants

Dover June 13 : 1792

State of New-Hampshire—

In the House of Representatives June 13th 1793.

Upon hearing and considering the foregoing petition Voted that the Lots Numbered 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25, in the North Westerly part of said Kear Searge Gore, with the Inhabitants thereon, be annexed to New London but that they be held to pay their proportion of taxes with the other Inhabitants of said Kear Sarge Gore that are now due—and that they have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly—

Sent up for Concurrence—

Nathl Peabody Speaker.

In Senate June 14th 1793 Read & Concurred

Nathl Parker Dep^{y} Sec^{y}—

[11-47] [*Kearsarge Gore for Change in Date of Annual Meeting: addressed to the General Court, 1799.*]

Wee your Petitioners Humbly Shews that the inhabitants of Kearsarge Gore labour under many hardship and Disadvantages by reason of their Annual Meeting being held on the last Monday in March, for about that time the Winter brake up, and Our Road are new and very bad, therefore it is almost impossible at that time of the Year to pass as we are obliged to travel Seventeen or Eighteen Mile to git together on Meeting Day by reason of Kearsarge Mountain cuting of the communication from one to another—

therefore we your petitioners pray that you will take our hard case under your wise consideration and grant us releaf by appointing the first monday of March for the holding of Our An-

nual Meeting, or Some other Day in the said first week in March and we as in Duty bound will ever pray—

27th May, 1799—

Abner Watkins, Benjamin Cass, Foster Goodwine } Select Men of Kearsarge Gore

[In H. of Rep., June 11, 1799, the foregoing petition was granted. Kearsarge Gore was annexed to Warner June 13, 1818.—Ed.]

WARREN.

The township was granted July 14, 1763, to John Page and others, in seventy-two equal shares, and received its name, probably, in honor of Admiral Warren of the British navy.

July 5, 1770, an extension of the time for the fulfilment of the conditions of the charter was granted, and an additional grant of 3,877 acres was made to the proprietors. This additional grant was of territory lying north of the town as originally granted, and was to make good an alleged deficiency in the contents of the first grant.

The boundaries of the town were settled by a committee which was appointed by the legislature, October 27, 1780, and reported September 4, 1784. See Vol. XI, p. 729.

Joseph Patch was the first white settler in town. He went up from Hollis and built a cabin near Hurricane brook in 1767, being at the time about 21 years old.

Various metals and minerals are found in Warren, including some fine beryls and garnets.

[R. 4–163] [*James Aiken, Bunker Hill, Soldier.*]

Colony of New Hampre

To the Honble The Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened the 8th June 1776.

The humble Petition of James Aiken of Warren in the County of Grafton yeoman—Sheweth

That Your Petitioner inlisted in Capt Kinsman's Company,

& in Col. Stark's Regiment, and was in the Fight at Bunker hill.

That before the Fight, Your Petr pulld off his Coat, that he might the better work in the entrenchment, and was afterwards forced to abandon his Coat, which he values at 12 Dollars.

Likewise that from the 8th of May to the 11th July last past Your Petr has not rec'd one penny of Wages, and the same is now in Arrear—

Wherefore he humbly prays a proper Recompense for the premises—And will Ever Pray &c—

James akin

[11-49] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Warren December 3day 1783

a return of the Number of powels in the town of Warren of twenty one years old and upwards paying for them Selves a pole tax which was taken by the Select man of Said town a Cording to thare invoice which number is twenty Six in number a true a Count taken by us—

Obadiah Clement } Selectman
Joshua marill } for warran

[11-50] [*Petition to have an Election of Town Officers Legalized, or Declared Void, 1786.*]

A return of the number of inhabitants in the town of Warren—

The whole number of Inhabitants in Said Town is one hundred and Eighteen no Indians or Servants

The Subscribers beg leave to represent to your honors that at the annual meeting in march last the former town clerk was not present and the Inhabitants proceeded to choose a moderator & town clerk who officiated in that office without being Sworn afterwards and before the adjournment said town Clerk was Sworn, but Some difficulty being started by the former town clerk whether the town clerk and the Subscribers the Selectman Chosen at Said meeting and Since sworn into office are legal officers—& to prevent any further difficulty or lawsuits; pray your honors determination; that the proceedings of Said meeting may be declared valid or illegal as to your honors may Seem most Just, that your petitionors may proceed in the duty of their office or be dismissed & Some way pointed out to restore Said town to the previlege of choosing town officers in

Some regular manner as the law of Said State now in force for that purpose may prove inaffectual as a sufficient number of freeholders to petition for a meeting would be difficult to obtain owing to Some divisions

and your petitioners as in duty bound Shall ever pray—

Warren June 5th 1786—

Joshua Copp
Stephen Richardson
William Butler

To the Honbl Genl Court to be holden at Concord on the first Wednesday of June A. D. 1786—

[In H. of Rep., June 9, 1786, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill to establish the proceedings of said meeting, so far as related to the election of officers.—Ed.]

[11–51] [*Petition for Authority to Tax Non-Resident Lands.*]

State of New Hampshire—To the Honorable General Court of said State convened at Portsmouth the fourth wednesday of December 1789—

Humbly sheweth the Selectmen of Warren in said State; that the highways in sd Town are exceeding bad, and much out of repair, that there are very few Inhabitants in said Town, that they have in time past exerted themselves beyond their ability in making and repairing the highways in said Town, that there is now wanting a bridge in said Town of about twenty rods in length to accommodate the public,—that they have never had any assistance from the Props in making and repairing said highways, notwithstanding the interest of said Proprietors are much advanced in consequence of the exertions of Your Petitioners in the making & repairing the Highways aforesaid, they have never done anything toward helping Your Petitioners in regard to the foregoing premises, therefore they pray in behalf of the inhabitants of said Warren, that the Proprietors of said Township may be ordered and directed to pay a reasonable sum for the purpose of making and repairing the Highways, and bridges in said Town, under such regulations as to your Honors may appear best and Your Petitioners will pray

Warren Decr 21—1789—

Nathaniel knight, Samuel knight, Moses Copp } Select men Warren

[June 19, 1790, authority was granted to assess and collect two pence per acre, on all the divided lands in town belonging to non-residents, the proceeds to be used for the repair of roads and bridges.—ED.]

WASHINGTON.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors to Reuben Kidder of New Ipswich, and others, and called Monadnock No. 8. It was settled to some extent in 1768, and called Camden until December 13, 1776, when it was incorporated with full town privileges, and named for George Washington.

A portion of the town was combined with New Bradford and Washington Gore, September 27, 1787, and incorporated into the town of Bradford.

A controversy arose relative to the line between this town and Lempster in 1811, which was settled by an agreement of the town, and a divisional line established by the legislature November 27, 1812.

Washington men in First N. H. Regiment:

Asa Jackson, enlisted April 18, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

William Mann, enlisted April 1, 1777; discharged March 20, 1780.

Nathan Mann, enlisted April 1, 1777; discharged March 20, 1780.

Abel Merrill, enlisted April 1, 1777; discharged March 20, 1780.

William White, age 24, enlisted January 1, 1777; discharged January 1, 1780.

Ebenezer Lowell, enlisted in July, 1779, for service in Rhode Island.

[11–54] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1776.*]

To the General Assembly of New Hampshire in New-England.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of a certain non-incorporated Township, of Land hitherto known by the name of Camden; in the County of Cheshire: in the Government above said

most humbly sheweth may it please your Honors

That whereas by reason of our being a non-incorporated Township, we are subject to many Inconveniencies, & Disadvantages, as are common, & often incident to non-incorporated Societies: both in regard to publick, & also our domestick affairs: we therefore your Honors most humble petitioners hereby intreat & implore that according to your wisdom & goodness you would be pleased to remedy the Inconveniencies & Disadvantages to which un-incorporated Towns are liable as such; & to invest this Town with the powers, Liberties & priviledges common to incorporated Towns within this Government; may it please Your Honors to incorporate this Township by the name of Washington—and as in duty bound your Honors most Humble Petitioners whose names are under written shall ever pray

Dated at Camden aforesaid September 2^{d} 1776.

Reuben Kidder	Joseph Rounsevel	Arche^{l} White
John Safford	Benj^{a} Babcock	Robertt Mann
Jacob Burbank	Josiah Procktor	James Maxwel
David Danforth	John Steel	Jonathan Brockway
William Proctor	Samuel Copeland i^{r}	Ephraim Severance
Nathan Proctor	Abner Sampson	Simeon Farnsworth
Eben^{r} Spaulding	Daniel Severance	Arche^{l} White Junr
William White	David Lowell Junr	Peter Lowell
David Lowell	Simon Lowell	Paul Hale
Lemuel Taber	Saml Copeland	Jacob Copeland
Church Taber	William Steel	

[The town was incorporated December 13, 1776.—Ed.]

In the House of Representatives Septr 13th 1776. Upon reading the within Petition—

Voted That the Petitioners Cause the Substance of this Petition and order thereon to be Published in the most Public places in Said Township of Camden, and in the New Hampshire State Gazette or Saturday Circulating Chronicle. That any person Concerned may Appear before the General Assembly of this State on the third day of their next Session, To Shew

Cause if any they have why the prayer thereof may not be Granted.

Sent up for concurrence P White Speaker

In Council Eodem Die read & concurred

E. Thompson Se^{cy}

The petition of the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Washington in said State Humbly sheweth, that the township of Washington in said State Humbly sheweth, that the township of Washington was Laid out within the Curve Line of Masons Grant and so settled and made their Farms and continued for a number of Years in a Quiet and Peaceable manner till the Last tax went out from this State when the Selectmen of marlow and Leomster thot proper to Lay a Tax on some Part of the Lands within the Lines of the said Washington which occations much Uneaseyness among the Inhabitants of the said Washington and may be productive of many Evil Consequences, Wherefore Your petitioners pray that Your Honors wou'd Issue an Ord^{r} that they may Continue to pay their taxes as heretofore they have Done until the Line which occations the Dispute between the said towns of Washington marlow & Leominster, and many other towns in Similar Circumstances may be settled by the Authority of this State and y^{r} petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray &c

J Rounsevel

for ye town of Washington

Exeter 3d of march 1778—

[In H. of Rep., March 5, 1778, "Voted that the inhabitants of that part of the Town of Washington claimed under the Grants of Marlow and Lempster pay their Taxes to Washington as usual, until the Title to said disputed Lands shall be settled." The dispute was finally settled in favor of Washington.—Ed.]

[R–164] [*Soldiers credited to Washington.*]

Committee of Claims Office Exeter June 27th 1782—

This certifies that the Town of Washington are benefited in the present years Tax Seventy two pounds Five shillings and Eleven pence Lawful Money, being for Bounties paid the following Continental Soldiers viz Wm White, Abel Morril W^{m}

Man and Nathan Man £14, 19, 0 each, and to Enoch Smith 12, 9, 11— Ex[d] per J Gilman
£72, 5, 11

[11-56] [*Petition of Samuel Lowell, Soldier: addressed to the General Court, 1784.*]

The petition of Sam[l] Lowell of washington in the County of Cheshire who was in the Service of y[e] Continent in the Year 1776, and I Sam[l] Lowell your humble petitioner was taken prisoner the 15 Day of June in Kanady Expidition and was prisoner untill y[e] 25 Day of September following at that time was Sat at Shore at Elizabeth Town in y[e] Jerseys During which Imprisonment I was a great Sufferer as Your Excellency and Honors may Conclude, &c. for I Lost a pair of Silver Shoe Buckles and a pair of Knee Buckles, and Coat Jacket & Briches and three good Shirts and a Silk Handcherchief which Cost me Nine pounds, and when I was Sat at Shore I had About three hundred miles to travel home and had to Bear my own Expences and was held a prisoner untill y[e] Last Day of December 1776, and Never have Receiv'd No wages from the time I was first taken prisoner—

If it may please your Excellency and Honours—I Conclude I ought to be Considered & paid as one who has Ever Served faithfully in y[e] Service of y[e] Late War, and doubt not your best Endeavours for the same, desiring to be under your Cair and Protection as a willing Subject as under those who can Relieve in All such Cases—And I your Excellency and Honors humble petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Washington october y[e] 16th 1784

Samuel Lowell

[11-57] [*Petition for the Appointment of Dr. Harris: addressed to the General Court, 1784.*]

Whereas We y[e] Inhabitants of Washington in y[e] County of Cheshire your Most humble Petitioners most Ardently Desire—

(If it might please your Excellency and Honors) being Deeply Sensible how Essentially Necessary it is that our Civil Rulers and those in Authority be men of principal, having y[e] good of their Country and the peace and good order of their fellow Citizens much at heart, and as these Qualifications most Emminently Appear in y[e] Person and Character of D[r] David Harris of s[d] town and County, We therefore most Ardently

pray (If it Might please your Excellency and Honors) that ye Honor and Dignity of a Justice of ye peace for s^d^ County, may be Conferred on him ye s^d^ Dr David Harris hoping and believing that in person and Character he will give Satisfaction both to Rulers and Ruled, Desireing your Excellency and honors woud be pleas'd to Commisionate him Accordingly, Desiring to be your willing Subjects as under ye power of those who Rule in ye fear of God, Likewise wishing Yours, &c: All that Happiness that Tongue can Express—

Hoping and believing, your Excellency and honors will be pleas'd to gratify us in our most Impartial Request, and we you humble Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c

Washington Oct^br^ ye 3: 1784

Saml Copeland	Eliphelet Densmore	Asa Jackson
Saml Guild	Stephen Meeds	Levi Barney
David Lowell	Na^th^ Everitt	Ep^hr^ Willson
Jacob Burbank	Josiah Davis	Thdeus Grves
Ebn^r^ Spaulding	Thomas white	Isireal Foster
Samuel Lowell	William Graves	Elijah Foster
James Maxwell	Joseph woods	Josiah Richards
Jon^ath^ Draper	George Lesslie	James Gay
Samuel Copeland Junr	Joseph Miller	Josiah Lowell
	John Woods	Sol^o^ Lowell

[11-59] [*Relative to locating a Meeting-House: addressed to the General Court, 1786.*]

Humbly Shews, the Subscribers inhabitants of the Town Washington in the County of Cheshire in said State—

That the inhabitants of said Town are in need of a House of Publick Worship and are desirous to erect one the ensuing season, that great divisions have arisen in said Town About the most proper place for setting the same—that the greatest number of Inhabitants is at present in the southerly part of said Town altho' the Northerly part of said Town is quite as Capable of Settlements and probably in a very short time will be as fully improved—

But the inhabitants on the southerly part (perhaps too attentive to their own convenience) have by a Majority of Votes determined to Erect said House more than a Mile South of the Centre of said Town—and whereby reason of Swampey land the roads leading to it must of necessity be more than a Mile and an half southerly from the Centre, which your Petitioners conceive will be very unequal and highly injurious to them and

others who may hereafter inhabit the Northerly part of said Town —especially if they must be Compelled to pay their full proportion towards erecting and maintaining the same, and the Minister who may Officiate therein—and will lay a foundation for Contention in future and probably for the removal of the same at great expence of Money, and Brotherly kindness—But without the interposition of this Honble Court your Petitioners Conceive they are at present without remedy—

They therefore pray your Honors to take their Case into your wise Consideration, and if consistent with Right prevent a foundation being laid for so disagreeable Consequences,—or by a Committee from your Honble Body lead them into the way of Justice and Peace, before the present determination of the Majority of Voters in said Town is Carried into Effect, or otherwise grant them relief in the premises in such way as to your Wisdom shall seem méet—

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

John Dunsmore	Eben^{r} Wood	Thomas White
Ebenezer Davis	Jesse Stevens	Asa White
Josiah Gilburt	Jesse smith	Wm Smith
Jerh^{m} Baron	Philip Smith	Stephen Austin
John Farnsworth	William Steel	Samuel Farington J^{r}
Samuel Lewis	Francis White	Josiah Richards
Joseph Steel	Eliphalet Dunsmore	Samuel Farington
Robart Steel	Isaac Stevens	Josiah Daves
John Vose	James Gay	
Joseph Crane	Amasa Gay	

[11–61] [*A portion of the Town voted off, 1787.*]

Washington May 7th 1787

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Washington met this day on adjournment from the anual March meeting Voted to set off to New-Bradford all that part of Washington which lies east of a line drawn from the southwest corner of said New Bradford thence Northwesterly over the south end of Burnt hill (so call'd) continuing the same course till it intersects a line drawn last November by a committee chosen for that purpose thence Northerly on s^{d} line to the north line of that part of Washington which is included in Col^{o} Reuben Kider's charter being three miles from the northeast corner of Washington from thence continuing the same course to the south line of Fishersfield—

A true Copy

Attest David Harris Town Clerk

[The portion of the town before mentioned was included in the incorporation of Bradford, September 27, 1787.—Ed.]

[11-62] [*Relative to Class for Electing a Representative: addressed to the General Court.*]

The joint memorial & petition of the Towns of Washington and Stodard, in the County of Cheshire, humbly sheweth—

That about five years ago, by order of the authority of this State, the Towns of Washington, Stodard, Packerfield & Gillsom, were classed in one district, in order to their choosing a Representative:—that about That time, in consequence of a precept from the General Court, the Towns afores[d] met in Stodard for that purpose:—That after a choice was made, taking into consideration the difficulty attending the meeting of all these Towns in a body, they jointly and unanimously came into an agreement to choose their Representative, annually for the future, by committees of five from each Town, deputed & authorized, with proper instructions, for the purpose:—That from that time till this present year, they continued to act or choose in this manner:—That this present year, the Town of Packerfield, for reasons best known to themselves, changed their method of proceeding, and came in a body to the meeting appointed for y[e] Choice of a representative without giving the least previous notice of their Design, to the other Towns concerned:—That the town of Washington being present only by their Committees were not in a capacity to act in Connexion with the Town of Packerfield in the affair:—That thereupon, a committee of three persons, one out of each of the Towns of Washington, Stodard, & Packerfield, was chosen to consider & make report how to conduct in this matter:—That the said Committee reported—

"That the union between the Towns of Washington & Stodard, and the other two Towns, with which they were connected as a district, be dissolved—that the Towns of Washington & Stodard should jointly petition the Great & General court, that they might, for the future, be connected by themselves, in choosing a Representative, & that a precept might be sent to them for that purpose."—That the Towns, after hearing the report of the Committee, voted that it be accepted, & that Joseph Rounsevell Esq[r], of the Town of Washington, be the person to present said Memorial & Petition to the Great and General Court,—praying the Honorable Court to take the matter under their consideration, & unite the Towns of Washington & Stodard into a Class or district by themselves, & accord-

ingly send them a precept for the Choice of a Representative— & your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray—

William proctor, Archabel white, Lemuel Taber } Select men of washington

Seth Wheeler, David Haws } Select men for Stoddard

[11–64] [*Relative to Sales of Land at Auction, 1790.*]

The following are the Articles of Sale of one half of lot number three in the first Range of the first Division of lots, in the Town of Washington, to be sold by Public Auction this 27th day of May, 1790, according to an Advertisement published in the New-Hampshire Gazzette of the 31st of March last.

Article 1st The highest Bidder to be the Purchaser.

2nd The purchaser, immediately after the land is struck off, shall give Security with a sufficient Surety for the Sum for which sd land is struck off, to be paid in Beef-Cattle at Cash-price by the first day of December next with Interest, to be delivered at the Centre of the town of Washington, and if not paid by that time, then it shall be paid by the first day of January then next in Silver or Gold, with Interest; and as soon as. such Security is given, a good Deed of Conveyence shall be delivered to the purchasers

3rd Should the land be struck off to any person who shall neglect, or refuse to comply with the foregoing Article, he shall forthwith pay the Cost of Vendue, and the land Shall be put up to Sale again.

4th All Bidding to be in lawful-money, and nothing less than six shillings shall be accepted as a Bid.

Mr John Brown is appointed Clerk of vendue

Per John Orr Auctioner

May 27th 1790—

The within mentioned Lands set up at 5 Dollars for the whole by Doctr Thos L Brown

at £1.. 16— by Isaac Proctor.
2— 2— by Andrew Rob—

by Joseph Hide	£	2—	8—				
Thos Penniman Esqr		3—					
Tho L Brown—		3—	6—				
John Taggett Junr		3—	12—	&	6.. 6—		
Thos Penniman Esq—		4—		&	4.. 6	& £ 9— & 11.. 10s	

Andrew Rob—	5.. 6. & 7.. 6. &	12.. 6	
John Safford Esqr—	6—— & 8— &	9.. 10. & 10— & 11 : 4^{s} & 12—0^{s}	
Isaac Proctor—	7—		
Thos Brown—	9.. 16 & 10. 6. &	10. 18 & 12.. 18	13. 10 £16
John Safford Esqr—	£12.. 12. & 13 : 4.	13. 16 & 16. 10	

£16 : 10^{s} being the highest Bid for s^{d} Land, it was Knocked off to John Safford Esqr being the last Bidder—

Washington May 27th 1790—

John Brown
Clerk of s^{d} Vendue

[11-66] [*Relative to disputed Lines: addressed to the General Court, 1793.*]

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabetents of the towns of Washington Stoddard and Sullivan Humbly Sheweth—

That your Petitioners some years since Did Purchace Lands on which we now live under Masons Pattent in the Westerly Part of Stoddard and Washington: and Being informed that the Pattent line was Established by the Legislature as run by Robert Fletcher Esq. then supposed that we had obtained an undouted title of our Lands, as they held under the sanction of said Law or Order of Court Confirming said line—since which time the General Court have caused said Pattent line to be newly run, and said pattent being found too large, has given the Proprietors of Gilsum and Marlow Incouragement to Claim nearly two Miles East of the Line first Established, and they Have proceeded to Lot out the same by which our farms are Cut very much to peaces—and they are Indeavouring by Law to Difpossess your Petitioners—We your Humble petitioners therefore pray to lay before the Hono^{l} Court our Situation

We were in General such as had no Other way to get a Livelyhood but to venture ourselves and families into the Wilderness, and by the good hand of Provedence and our own Industry the moste of us have just arived to a Comfortable Livelyhood: We have once paid a generous price for our Lands, paid all the publick taxes through a long and Expensive War, and surmounted many other Dificulties which we have had to Encounter in this once Wilderness—some of us by our Industry have just arrived to a State of Comfort in life while others have a prospect of Doing the same if they still Continue there Industry and frugallity. But noways in a State Adequate to Purchaceing our Lands again—

Your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that if it should in

Law be Determined in favour of said proprietors that some meathod may be taken by the Honor[l] Court to prevent them from Building themselves up upon our ruin—and as We are Informed that there is no Law Exists in this state whereby we may have a Compensation for our Buildings and Improvements on said Land but by wholly at there Mercy—

We therefore pray that if it can be Consistant with the Constatution and Laws of the Land—

Your Honours would, in Immetation to Neighbouring States make a Law or order whereby we may receive something for our many years hard labour in Erecting Buildings Clearing Lands and makeing it more Valueable, if at Last we are oblidged to give it up—

Your Petitioners are far from wishing if the Land is theres to wrong them out of it But Desireing them ondly to Come to that Rule of Doing by others as they would others should Do by them—and your Petitioners as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray—Inhabetents of Stoddard

Nath[n] Joslin
Edward Phelps
Ebenezer Polley
Levi Phelps
David Joslin
Levi Blood
Sam[l] Farnsworth
Semion Fisk
Nath[l] Tuttell
David Hodgman
Jonathon Shed
Benj[a] Howard
Enos Locke
Ebenezer Blake
Oliver Hodgman
Ebenezer Wright
George Holmes
Eleazer Blake
Timothy Thomson
Asa Stevens
Jonas Tarble
Benj Tarble
Samuel Messinger
Nath[ll] Evens
John Adams
John Davis
Silvester Davis

Joshu Read
Ward Eday
John Henry
Bildad Royce
John Henry Junior
Isaac Barritt
Nathen monroe
Bani Henry
Jesse farly
Samuel Sever
John Osgood
John Osgood Juer
Jonathan Tomson
Joseph Durent
Nathl draper
Supply Barny
William wright
nathan Reed
Willard Lawrance

Inhabitents of Washington
Abraham Estabrook
Samull Lowell
Nathan metcalf
Jacob Wright
William Procter

Daniel Farnsworth
Joh Safford
Tho[s] Farwell
Tho[s] Farwell J[r]
Eph[m] Farwell
Francis Faxon
Tho[s] Penniman
Simon Lowell
Ebener Spaulding
Jacob Burbank

Inhabetents of Sullivan
Josiah G. White
Calvin Locke
Ezra Osgood
Elijah Carter
Johua Osgood
Nathan Bolster
Jonathan Kindall
Samuel Seward
Ebenezer kendall
Grindal Keith
Jonathan Burnam
Luther Wilder
Michel sanders
Josiah Seward

[See Stoddard, Marlow, and Gilsum papers.—Ed.]

[11-67] [*Relative to the Election of Representative: addressed to the General Court.*]

Cheshire ss. State of New Hampshire, Washington March 11, 1794—

The petition of the Town of Washington humbly sheweth—That heretofore, by order of said Court, the Towns of Stoddard & Washington were united in one class, in order to their choosing a representative.

That it was order'd by the General Court that the meetings for the purpose afores[d] should be held by rotation, viz. in each Town every other year. It was agree'd that said meetings should be held annually on the second monday in March, and that the Clerk of each town respectively, by order of the Selectmen should notify his own town both of the time and place

That it has been reported, that the town of Stoddard, supposing the number of their ratable Polls to amount to what is required by the constitution, have made choice of a Person to represent them, tho', for reasons best known to themselves, they have not seen fit Legally to notify us of their design to detach themselves from our former union.

That according to the rotation abovesaid, the meeting for the aforesaid purpose was to be holden in Washington this year.

That the Town of Washington were accordingly legally notified—that they met at the time and place appointed; and tho' not joined by the Town of Stoddard, made choice of a representative.

That we have almost the number of ratable polls required by constitution—and that there is no other town in the vicinity with which we can be class'd with any conveniency.

We therefore earnestly request the honorable the General Court to take our case into their consideration and grant our member elect a seat in the house, and in future to allow us the Priviledge of choosing a representative for ourselves, or afford us such other relief in the premises, as they, in their wisdom and goodness shall see fit—And your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

By order, and in behalf of said town

Thomas Farwell
Jo[s] Rounsevel } Committee
David Harris

WEARE.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors, September 20, 1749, to Ichabod Robie and others, and called Hale's-Town.

The inhabitants petitioned, April 3, 1764, to be incorporated with town privileges, and in the petition call the place "that Tract of land known by the name of Hails Town, otherwise called Col° Weares Town."

The town was incorporated by the governor and council, September 31, 1764, and named in honor of Meshech Weare, who was at the time one of the justices of the supreme court of the province.

The town was settled by people from Massachusetts and the east part of this state, and has been and is one of the most prosperous farming towns of the state. A society of Quakers was formed in the town at an early date, and still exists.

By an act approved July 2, 1853, the divisional line between this town and Dunbarton was established.

Weare men in First N. H. Regiment, as returned by Major Jeremiah Gilman, January 10, 1778.

Abraham Kimball, age 23, reported absent.

John Robarts, age 23, reported absent.

Samuel Hutchings, age 27, at home sick.

The following men were mustered by Col. Moses Kelley, July 20, 1779, for the town of Weare.

Benjamin Powell,* Simeon Pope,* Jonathan Tucker, Elisha Roberts, Charles Colburn, Joseph Colby, and Moses Fifield. Jonathan Tucker was in Capt. Enoch Chase's Co., 2d Regiment, February 14, 1781.

Weare men in First N. H. Regiment:

David Bryant, enlisted November 12, 1776; discharged December 1781.

Serg't Samuel Caldwell, enlisted July 3, 1777; discharged July 2, 1780.

John Flanders, enlisted April 17, 1777; discharged April 20, 1780.

Jacob Flanders, enlisted February 20, 1777; discharged December, 1781.

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* Lived in Henniker.

Ebenezer Sinclair,* enlisted February 1, 1777; discharged October 7, 1777.

John Swett, enlisted April 16, 1777; discharged April 20, 1780.

Benjamin Swett, enlisted April 16, 1777; discharged April 20, 1780.

Thomas Tuttle,* enlisted May 1, 1777; discharged February 17, 1778.

[R. 4–165] [*Thomas Kennedy, Soldier, 1760; addressed to the General Assembly.*]

The petition of Thomas Kennedy of Halestown in Said province—

Humbly Shewith that your petitioner Inlisted as a Soldier In the Year 1760, under the Command of Col° Jn° Goffe In Capt Nehamiah Lovewells Company, & behaved, In Said Campaing as a faithfull & Dutyfull Soldier, as I have for many Campaings before, for the truth of which I apple to the Colonols of the Regiments, but So it was by Some means or Other I was returned a Deserter on the Rolls, & have not Received Any thing for my Service In S^d Regim^t, Otherways then Usual for Soldiers to Receive at their marching, & presume it was Occationed by Some Misrepresentation, tho Not Desiredly, Wherefore your petitioner prays that your Excellency & honours would take this matter under your wise Consideration, (Reference being had to my Letter to Col° Goffe of Feby 6th 1762 on this head) & Grant him Such Relief as you In Your great Wisdom may think proper, & Your petitioner Shall as In Duty Bound Ever pray &c

John Goffe for & in behalfe of
Thos Kennady

[He was allowed £11, 16, 10.—Ed.]

[R. 4–166] [*Stockman Sweat, Soldier: addressed to the Legislature, 1781.*]

The petition of Enoch Sweat of Wear in Said State Humbly Sheweth—

That Whereas your Petitioners son Stockman Sweat enlisted into the service of the united States and Served two years (viz) the year 1775 and 1776 and on his return home he enlisted into

* Died in the service.

the Light horse at the State of Connecticut wher he now remains in Said Service and have never received either State or Continental Bounties and is not likely to receive any Depreciation money with others his fellow Soldiers: So that notwithStanding he the said Stockman Sweat your petitioners Son has Served his Country he is Shut out from having the Justice Done him that other Soldiers have had: and if your Hon^{rs} wants further light in the matter and will point out to your petitioner what he is to do in order to state the matter Clearly to the Hon^{l} Court and will take his Case under your wise Consideration and grant such releif in the primises as your hon^{rs} in your great wisdom may think fit your petitioner as in Duty bound Shall ever pray

Enoch Sweat

Exeter Jany—4th 1781
To lay.

[R. 4–167] [*Ebenezer Sinclair, Soldier: addressed to the General Court.*]

Humbly sheweth, Mary Sinclear of halestown in the County of hillsbourough in the State of Newhampshire widow—that her Late husband Ebenezer Sinclear was a soldier in General Poors Brigade, in Coll Silleys Reg^{t} & Capt Morrells Company, & was Kill^{d} att Sarotoga att the taking of Gen^{ll} Burgoin, & that your Petitioner is Left a widow with three small Children the Oldest of which is under the Age of fourteen, and is So much Disabled By a wound in His hand, & other weakness of Body, which prevents your Petitioner from Getting a place for him to Learn him a trade—that She has, (By Selling her house hold Furniture & a Sett of Joiners tools which Belonged to her Late husband) provided places in the Country for her Children for the present, that her Late husband Died Intestate, Leaving one hundred & fifty Acres of wild Land in the town of wentworth, it Being all the Estate he' possess^{d}, & that your Petitioner is Now out to Servis herselfe & finds it Verry Difficult to maintain herselfe, the Collector of taxes for the town of wentworth has Call^{d} on her for taxes, Some part of which She has pay^{d} But is unable to pay the Remainder, She therefore prays your honours that She may Be Exempt from paying any more taxes for the Above Land untill her Children are of age & what Ever Else your honours, In your wisdom Shall please to Do in favour of your Petitioner & the Orphan Children, as in Duty Bound shall Ever pray

Mary Sinclear

[Not granted.—Ed.]

[11-71] [*Record of a Meeting in the east part of Weare, 1785.*]

At a meeting of ye inhabetence of ye Easterly Part of weare at the house of m^r John Selley in s^d weare on ye 12th of Septembec 1785 Chose Lt Ithamar Eaton moderator Chose Saml Paige J^n Clark—

Voted to buld a meeting house on ye School lot N° 8 in ye 3rd Range voted to buld s^d house by Seling ye Pews voted Ca^pt Nathaniel fifield Lt Itha^r Eaton Obediah Eaton Thom^s Evens and Saml Paige jr a Commettee to Sell S^d Pews to buld ye meeting house—

Voted to ajourn S^d meeting to ye 26th int at ye house of m^r John Selleys to Sell S^d Pews; met according to ajurnment and Sold thirty Eight Pews on ye floore; for the Summe of five hundred thirty Six Pounds Seventeen Shiling S^d house to be 56 feet long & forty two wide

January ye 24th 1786

this Day met at ye house of m^r John Selley in weare Voted to Put in a Petition to ye General Cort to See if they will Set off ye Easterly Part of S^d weare into a Destinct Pearish—

Voted Lt Ithamar Eaton m^r obediah Eaton and Saml Paige a Commettee to Present S^d Petition and Support Sd Petition

Saml Paige jr Clark

[11-72] [*Petition for a Parish in the east part of the Town, 1786.*]

Your Humble Pertitioners Inhabetants of the Easterly End of Weare Sheweth that We Labour under Great Inconvencies of Settling of a Gosple Minister With Us by Reason of a Large Society of Quakers Nigh the Senter of Said town; and the Remainder of Said town is So Remote from us that We Cannot be Convenned in one Society; theirfore our prayers is to your honours that you Would Set us off A perish in Said town Invested With town privilidges on the Easterly Sid of the Senter Road, So Called, begining on Hopkinton Line and to Extend South by Said Senter Road and by Dunbarton to New Boston or as far as it Shall be made to appear to your honours to be for the public benefit of your Pertitioners; and your Pertitioners as in Duty bound Will Ever Pray—

Weare January 25th 1786

Samuel Paige	Levi hovey	Sameul Ayer
Nathaniel Fifield	Saml Paige J^r	Willm Ayer
Abner Hoyt	Moses george	Ezekiel Carr

Joseph Marshall	Moses Faver	Enoch Johnson
Joseph Webster	Jonathan goold	Benjamin Collins
John Selly	John Huntington	John Brown
Jacob Carr	follansbe Shaw	Joshua Maxfield
Timothy george	Samuel Rowel	Moses Fifield
Thomas Evans	marden Emerson	Isaac Levingston
Daneil goold	thomas fowllinsbe	Jonathan Brown
John fever	Obadiah Eaton	Trustrum Johnson
David Barnard	James Hogg	Samuel Straw
Benjamin Selly	John Paige	Levi Colbey
Moses Boynton	Jonathan Paige	Joseph Pilsbury
Elijah Brown	Ithamar Eaton	Nathan Kimbell
Robard Johnson	Lemuel Paige	Daniel Pearson
John Ayer	Edward fifield	

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 4, 1786, a hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[11–69] [*Report of a Committee on the Foregoing.*]

The Committee On the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the town of Weare Agree to Report As Our Oppenion that the Prayer of Said Petition Be So Far Granted As that the Petitionars Be Set off As A Seperate town Beginning at Hopkinton Line And Extending Southwardly So far as to include Six Ranges Exclusive of the Public Lands And Also Be intitled to three Eights of All the Public Lands in Said Weare—Which is Submitted By Us—

Ebenr Webster
John Duncan
Robert Wallace

Rejected.

[11–70] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

to the honrabel general Coart prsuant to your ordears we have Nombred all the Ratabel poles upward of Twentey won years old which are withen the town of weare which Nomber is two hondread and fiftey 250

Dated att weare this 16 Day of December 1783

Timothy worthly } Select men
James Emerson } for weare

[11–73] [*Relative to a Fine for not keeping a Grammar School: addressed to the General Court, 1788.*]

We your Pertitioners Humbly Sheweth that the Selectmen of weare have been presented to the Court of General Sessions of the peace in Said County for not keeping a grammer School by which meanes we are Liable to pay a fine of ten pounds for one month Neglect the town Considering their Scattered Situation as well as their inability Conclud it would be more to the advantage of Said town to hire Several masters that Could teach good English and at Such Seasons as they Could Reep most advantage from Said Schools was the Reason their was Not a grammar School hired as the law Directs no man in Said town Required it Therefore we your pertitioners humbly Request you would Release and Remit Said fine your pertitioners Shall Ever pray

Dated at weare June 6th, 1788

John Robie
John Hodgdon } Selectmen
Ithamar Eaton

WENTWORTH.

The township was granted, Nov. 1, 1766, to John Page and 59 others, in 66 shares, and named for Benning Wentworth, who was at the time governor of the province.

Forty-two of the original grantees having failed to comply with the conditions of the grant, their shares were declared forfeited, and were granted to other parties by an instrument dated March 13, 1772.

By an act passed Jan. 15, 1787, Thomas Clark, Daniel Clark, Jonathan Herbert, and Asa Boynton, with their estates, were severed from Piermont, and annexed to this town. A small tract of land belonging to John Dana, Jr., was severed from Orford, and annexed to Wentworth June 28, 1837.

[11–74] [*Petition for a Grant of some Forfeited Shares, 1772.*]

Province of New Hampshire. To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Governor & Commander in Chief of said Province in Council—

The petition of Asa Porter of Haverhill in said Province & his Associates humbly sheweth—That as the Charter of the Township called Wentworth lying on the Road leading from Rumney to Cohass is now expired & scarce any Duty done agreable to Charter and that the publick Road thro' the same hath been greatly neglected for several years past as renders it a great Obstruction to Travellers & at Times almost impassable which is a great Discouragement to the Settlement of all the Country above s^{d} Township & the Trade of s^{d} Country is thereby diverted into other Provinces your Petitioners humbly pray that They may be favoured with a Grant of the delinquent Rights or Shares in said Township granted in the former Charter to the twenty seven Grantees hereafter named—Viz—Jonathan Greeley Junr, Abel Davis, Nathan Currier, Ebenezer Page, Lemuel Stephens, John Page, Winthrop True, Jacob Stevens, Moses Page, David Evans, Jonathan Page, Thomas True, Fra^{s} Bachelder, Samuel Dudley, Jacob Currier, Jacob Hook Esqr, Joseph Greeley, Nathl Greeley, Col^{o} Ebenezer Stevens, Ebenezer Stevens Junr, rev^{d} Jeremiah Fogg, John Paige Esqr, Jonathan Greeley Esqr, Jacob Gale, Dyer Hook, Jonath^{n} Evens & Capt Thomas Martyn upon such conditions as your Excellency may seem meet to direct—& your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray—

Asa Porter for Himself & Associates.

Postsmouth March 25th 1772.

[See introduction.—Ed.]

[11–76] [*Statement relative to Taxation, and Town Inventory.*]

County of Grafton ss In the State of Newhampshire

Whereas We the Poor inhabitants of wentworth, in Said State haD a precept Sent us by the General Court of Said State In the year 1777 for a new proprotion or Inventory of the Rateable Estates of this town to be Returned in by the first of June in the aforesaid year, and whereas we then being under no Lawfull Regullation to take Such Inventory So Could not Do it, and Still Remains yet in that Lifeless Estate as than: our Honnerable Court not knowing our Circumstance was pleased to proportion our publick tax for us aCording to the best of there Judgment not haveing any Inventory to go by. which proportion we think is not Equal with other towns: we therefore the Inhabitants of wentworth have volantory met and Given in what number of polls and Improved Land and Stoke of Creatures we were posesed of at that time not Meddling

with the wile Land in Said town which we have Returned in Columns Some what aGreeable to the precept Sent and our Capacity will a low of at prest

13 polls, 18 acrears of Land, 25 mowing land, 0 paster land, 2 horses, 2 oxen, 9 Cows, 7 3 year old, 5 2 year old, 1 1 year old.

We therefore Humbly besech that your honers would Look upon us in our State and Consider us in the abeatment of the taxes Lead on us or to bring us Down to an Equality with other towns in this State and also to put us in a Capacity to make Said tax, and Colict them in a Lawful way if we must pay them and also Give to us a rul or precept of Velueation to go by

Sined in behalf of the Inhabitants of wentworth.

John Akin

[11–77] [*Return of Ratable Polls, 1783.*]

Wentworth December ye 12th 1783

We the Selectmen of wentworth Return to the General Court of this State the Exact Nomber of male Poles from twenty one years old and upwards paying taxes for them selves in this town which is twenty seven agreable to our Invoise

attest per us—

John Akin } Selectmen
Benja Weeks } of wentworth

[11–78] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative, 1799: addressed to the General Court.*]

The town of Wentworth not haveing one hundred and fifty rateable polls and is so situated as to render the Assessing thereof with any other town parish or place very inconvenient. Wherefore your petetioners (being the majority of voters in the aforesaid town) prays that your Honors would Issue a writ for sending a Representative to the General Court—

your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Merrill Pilsbury	Saml Smart	Willm White
Thomas Clark	Fortis Stone	Benjamin Page
Peter Stevens	Ebenr gove	Nicholas Chase
Asa Smith	John Akin	Saml Haper
Warren Smith	Timothy Clifford	Benja Cotton
John Smith	Ezekiel Akin	Ruben Whitcher
Peter Martin	David Gibson	Wm Haines

Moses Eaton	Sam[l] Elsworth	John Haines
Job Eaton	Jeremiah Elsworth	Matthias Haine
Absalom Peters	Joseph Smith	Thomas Hodge
Amos Clark	Benj[a] Smith	Sam M[c]Murphy
Joseph Kimball	John Gardiner	Asa putney
Jon[a] Kimball	Abel Willard	Joseph putney
Isaac Clifford	Hugh M[c]Clellan	David Sanders
Isaac Clifford J[r]	David Smith	Ben[ja] Brown
Jonathan Eames	Sam[l] Johnson	Nathan Brown
Jonathan Eames jr	John Page	James Putney
Samuel Eames	True Page	

[R. 4–168] [*Soldier's Order.*]

John T. Gilman Esq[r] please to pay Joshua Pickering all arrears of wages Due to me for my services in the New Hampshire line in Coll Jackson Regiment you will oblige yours to serve—

Joseph Cooper

Wentworth y[e] 24th July 1792

[11–79] [*Remonstrance against the Incorporation of the Universalist Society, 1801.*]

Wentworth May 20th 1801.

To the Honorable Legislature of the State of New Hampshire to convene at Hopkinton the first Wednesday in June next—

The Petition of the Undersigners Inhabitants of the town of Wentworth humbly sheweth—

That Whereas a number of the inhabitants of the town intend to petition your Honors for an act of Incorporation into a Society by the denomination of Universalists, we pray your Honors NOT to grant the object of s[d] Petition, for it appears to us that such an incorporation would operate greatly to the damage not only of this town but also the towns adjoining,—by gaining the appearance of the sanction of so Honorable a Body in favor of their licentious principles it would become a mean of recommending them to the inconsiderate rising generation, to the corruption of their hearts and morals—It would have a tendency not only to establish corrupt preaching among us, but also to prevent our enjoying the true Gospel of Christ—and such a Society would become an asylum for persons in other towns, who merely from disaffection, will, and covetousness,

wish to be freed from paying ministerial taxes, in the towns where they reside, agreeable to a suggestion of some of their leaders.

We would further state to your honors that were we to judge by the general complexion of their deportment, we should conclude that it could not be a desire to promote real piety which induces them to apply for an incorporation—Nor do we see why they do not enjoy their Constitutional Rights without it

As it is probable that, in order to obtain the object of their wishes they will present to your Honors what they call a vote of the town that they would not oppose their obtaining an incorporation, we would, with submission, subjoin a brief statement of the manner of obtaining it—

An article was inserted in the warning for town meeting "to see if the town would vote that they might be incorporated," which was clearly negatived, after which it was motioned by one of them to see if the town were willing that the Universalists should enjoy their Constitutional Rights, which was voted in the affirmative—But this did not answer their wishes—One of them then motioned to see if the town would vote not to oppose their obtaining an Incorporation, and as such an article was not contained in the warning, and the people had not thought sufficiently on such a motion, the main body of the Substantial Inhabitants did *not vote* on the subject, and the Universalists tho' a minority of the meeting, voted that they would not oppose their obtaining an incorporation—Thus clandestinely was the appearance of a vote obtained to answer their purpose, which we pray your honors not to consider as the voice of the town

And now, we assure your honors that should they obtain their object, it will much grieve the religious, sober, and well disposed in this and the neighbouring towns; and if we should be so unhappy as to have such a society in this town, we are extremely sorry that persons among us should become the means of disturbing and injuring neighboring towns.

We intreat therefore that your Honors would consider this our humble petition and grant our earnest request, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, &c—

Ephraim Page	Moses Eaton	Nathan Brown
Peter Stevens	Isaac Smith	Franis Davis
John Page	Amos Heard	Asa Smith
Benj[a] Knowlton	thomas Clark	Ezekiel Akin
John Ellsworth	Amos Clark	John Kimball
Samuel Page	Allexander Stewart	David Currier
John Dana	Job Eaton	Edward Smith
Merrill Pilsbury	Samuel Elsworth	Isaac Clifford
Josiah Stevens	Samuel Ellsworth Jr	Moses Clifford

Josiah Pilsbury	Benjamin Smith	Samuel Currier Junr
Isaac Clefford	Joseph Smith	Samuel Hooper
Samuel Stevens	Thomas Blodget	John Akin
Joseph Kimball	Hugh mc clellan	Thomas Hodge
Samuel Currier	Samuel Johnson	Ebenzar Bradley
Reuben Smith	Joseph Putney	

[11–80] [*Petition for Incorporation of the Universalist Society: addressed to the General Court, 1802.*]

Wentworth May 24th 1802

The Liberal Constitution and peaceable Laws of this State not only tolerates but makes it the duty of every Citizen to worship God according to the dictates of his own Conscience proprovided he does not disturb others in their religious worship we the subscribers inhabitants of Wentworth demeaning ourselves Christians and good subjects of this State do pray your honors to incorporate us and our associates into a body corporate by the name or appellation of, Wentworth, Universal Religious, Society, with power sufficient to make adequate provision for the support and maintainance of a public Protestant teacher of piety, religion, and morality, as in duty bound will ever pray—

True Page	Jeremiah Jewett	Joseph Clark
Jon[a] Hidden	Eben[r] Gove	John Gardiner
John Munn	Ruben Clifford	Will[m] White
James Eaton	Isaac clifford	Benj[a] Page
James Harris	Lemuel Kezer	Winthrop True
Aaron Jewett	Peter Morton	Ruben Whicher

[11–81] [*Remonstrance to foregoing: addressed to the General Court.*]

The Subscribers, freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Wentworth In the County of Grafton, beg leave to State to Your honors, that very lately they have, by mere accident discovered, in a paper printed at Concord Stil'd the Republican Gazette, Notice given that William White and others inhabitants of said Wentworth, have petitioned the General Court, praying that they and their associates may be Incorporated into a Body Corporate, by the Name or appellation of Wentworth Universal Religious Society, that by the order of the same Court the petitioners are to be heard on the first Tuesday of the present Ses-

sion—Wherefore we beg leave to say that there does not appear to be a Majority of the Inhabitants of the said Universal persuasion, that the principal part of professors consist of the Congregational and Baptist Societys therefore we conceive that if the prayer of this petition should be granted and an Incorporation of said petitioners shall take place it will be attended with the serious consequences to the present professors and Introduce great confusion, by Increasing parties, and suppressing the Settlement of any Standing order of Religion—Wherefore we pray that your honors will take the matter into your wise Consideration and postpone any further proceedings on the Subject—As in duty bound will pray

Wentworth May 23^{d} 1803

Samuel Elsworth	David Currier	Peter Stevens J^{u}
John Kimball	James Putney	Moses Eaton
Benj^{a} Knowlton	Fraincies Davies	Robert Eames
Currier Page	Asa Putney	Jon^{a} Kimball
John Akin	John Ellsworth	Job Eaton
Peter Stevens	Samuel Ellsworth J^{r}	James ———
Joseph Kimball	Enoch Gove	Samuel Johnson
Ezekiel Akin	Reuben Whicher Jr	Merrill Pilsbury
John Dana	Joseph smith	Edward Smith
John Page	Josiah Stevens	Samuel Stevens
Samuel Currier	Alexand Stewart	Benjman Smith

[In H. of Rep., June 8, 1803, the matter was postponed until the next session.—Ed.]

WHITEFIELD.

The township was granted, July 4, 1774, to Josiah Moody and others, in ninety-four shares, and named Whitefields. Levi H. Dodge, Esq., to whom the editor is indebted for some data, and who is collecting materials for a history of the town, believes that the town was named in memory of Rev. George Whitefield, but is unable to account for the plural ending of the word as written in the charter, and as generally used until the town was incorporated, December 1, 1804.

The town was unsettled until 1801. About that time Col. Joseph Kimball, Maj. John Burns, and John McMaster staked out their claims, and during the following spring took

up their residence there with their families. The first town meeting after incorporation was held in March, 1805.

By an act approved December 24, 1805, Levi Willard, Stephen P. Webster, and Samuel Minot were appointed "to direct the course of a road through Whitefield from Lancaster to Bethlehem;" and John Burns, John McMaster, and Benjamin Brown were appointed a committee to assess a tax of two cents on each acre of land in Whitefield, public rights excepted, to be used in making said road.

Maj. Gen. John G. Foster was born in this town in 1823; he died in Nashua in 1874. The first post-office was established in 1824. William Dodge was appointed post-master, and held the office until his death in 1837.

[11–113–2] [*Petition for a Grant of the Town, 1773.*]

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esquire Governor & Commander in Chief of ye Province of New Hampshire, and to The Honorable His Majesty's Council of the said Province]

The Petition of Josiah Moody and his Associates humbly sheweth—That your Petitioners being desirus of carrying on some settlements in this Province, and having a number of Families ready to remove into it. if they can be accommodated with a suitable tract of Land: pray your Excellency & Honors that they may have liberty to look out for such a Tract among the unappropriated Lands in the northern parts of the Province which they will engage to settle very speedily—And that your Excellency & Honors will please to favor them with a Grant of the same on the usual conditions and reservations—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c. &c.

Josiah Moody, &
Portsmouth 12th April 1773 for his Associates.

[In answer to the foregoing a township was granted July 4, 1774, purporting to contain 19,077 acres, with an allowance of 1,070 acres for unimprovable land, and named Whitefields. The name occurs four times in the record of the grant, and it has the plural termination in every instance.—Ed.]

[11–113–3] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1804.*]

To the Honorable the General Court of the State of New Hampshire

Humbly Sheweth your Petitioners inhabitants of the Township of Whitefields in the County of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire that many dificulties they labour under would be removed were they vested with priviledges of incorporated Towns—therefore they pray the Tract of Land Situate in said County of Grafton Now Called Whitefields Bounded as follows—

Beginning at a Beach Tree on the Southeast Corner of Lancaster being in Northeasterly Line of Apthorp and running South twenty six degrees East one mile and one hundred Eighty rods to the Northeasterly Corner of Apthorp thence on the Easterly line of Apthorp South fifty six degrees West four miles one hundred and twenty rods to the Northwest Corner of Lloyd Hills thence on the Northerly of Lloyd Hills South fifty eight degrees East five miles ten rods to the West Line of Britton Woods thence on the West Line of Britton Woods North two miles one hundred sixty six rods to the North West Corner of said Britton Woods then on the North Line of Britton Woods East three miles and one half to the Westerly Line of Dartmouth then on said Westerly Line of Dartmouth North five miles two hundred sixty rods to the Easterly line of Lancaster then on said Easterly Line of Lancaster South sixty nine degrees west five miles fifty rods or to the first mentioned Bound may be incorporated by the name of Whitefield—and as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray

Whitefields May 25th 1804

John Burne	John Mcmaster	amasa Dutten
Aaron Bailey Jur	David Burns	Joseph Kimball
Jesse Kelsa	William Burne	Simon Sanborn
Benjamin Sanbon	Abraham Sanburn	

[In H. of Rep., June 20, 1804, "Voted that the prayer thereof be granted." The senate did not concur, but voted "that the Petioners be heard on their Petition before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session and that they cause the substance of their Petition and order of court thereon to be published in the Newspaper printed at Hanover three weeks successively the first publication to be six weeks prior to said day of hearing, and post up the like subitance & order in some public place in said Town of Whitefields."

In H. of Rep., November 27, 1804, the petitioners were granted leave to bring in a bill. Senate concurred. The act of incorporation passed, and was approved December 1, 1804. The preamble reads as follows: "Whereas the

Inhabitants of Whitefields in the county of Grafton have petitioned the General Court praying that they may be incorporated into a township by the name of Whitefield and invested with all such privileges and immunities as other towns in this State hold and enjoy which prayer appearing reasonable," etc.

John Burns and Joseph Kimball, or either of them, were authorized to call the first meeting.—ED.]

WESTMORELAND.

The township was granted by the government of Massachusetts about the year 1735, and called No. 2, and Great Meadows, until Feb. 12, 1752; at which time it was chartered by the governor and council of New Hampshire to Thomas Chamberlain and others, by its present name. The conditions of the charter not being fulfilled, an extension was granted by an instrument dated June 11, 1760.

Settlements were made under the first grant in 1741, but as the settlers were several times attacked by the Indians, no great progress was made for some years.

A portion of the town called Westmoreland Leg was combined with the westerly part of Gilsum, and incorporated as a town by the name of Surry, March 9, 1769.

Westmoreland men in the First N. H. Regiment:

Nehemiah Gould,* enlisted Apr. 29, 1777; discharged Aug. 10, 1778.

Sergt. David Johnson, enlisted Apr. 16, 1777; discharged Dec., 1781.

James Simonds, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; discharged Dec. 20, 1778.

James McKinsey, of W., enlisted July, 1779, to go to R. I. for the town of New Ipswich.

Sergt. Caleb Aldrich was in Capt. Benj. Ellis's Co., Scammell's Regt., Feb., 1781, and James Eddy of Keene was in the same Co. for Westmoreland. Lieut. Jonathan Holton was in Capt. Kimball Carleton's Co., and was wounded in the face at Bennington.

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* Reported as having died in the service.

[11–83] [*Petition for a Grant from New Hampshire; addressed to the Governor & Council, 1750.*]

The Petition of the Subscribers hereunto most humbly Shews—That sundry of your Petitioners Sometime vizt about Seven years before the last Indian War, Settled under the massachusets at a place call'd Number Two laying on the East side of Connecticut River about fourteen miles above Fort Dummer (which by the late Running of the Boundary line between New Hampshire and the Province of massachusets Bay falls within the Province of New Hampshire) where they layd out their substance and that at their own cost and Charge for their Defence against the French and Indian Enemy on the opposite side of the River they built a Fort—that after the Indian War broke out they were obliged to leave their Habitations and lost Considerable of their Substance—that since the late Peace with the Indians they have returned to the s^{d} Place That Sundry of your Petitioners are Children of Such as Set down at said place at first and expended their money in making the first settlement there—That your Petitioners have been at least one hundred and fifty Pounds old Ten^{r} Charge the last fall in making and Clearing Roads—That as they have No Incorporation—They labour under Insuperable Difficulty not being in a Capacity to raise any Moneys for any public use or service—And That unless they are enabled so to do, they shall be under an unavoidable necessity of leaving the said place and thereby loosing all they have been out there—

Wherefore your Petitioners most humbly pray your Excellency and Honours to make a Grant of the s^{d} Tract of land calld Number two to your Petitioners And such others as your Excellency and Honours shall think proper so as to make up the number sixty four in all—and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall pray &c

Jan^{ry} 30 : th 1750

*Daniel How
*Jethro Wheeler
*Thos Chamberlain
Amos Davies
Amos Davis jun^{r}
Jonas Davis
Samuel Davis
Ebenezer Davis
*moses Wheeler
isaac chamberlain
Josiah Chamberlen
*Hariden Wheeler Junr
*Jethro Wheeler
Simeon Knight
martin Severance
John Brown
*Abner How
*Josiah Foster
Samuel Foster
michal gibson
John Sheilds
Danil Sheilds
Williom Moor
*Joshua How
Beniamin Knights
Silas Brown
*meshach Taylor
John Alexander
Daniel Shattuck Sener
Enoch Hall
Simon Hall
Thomas Chamberlain

Joshua Chambrlain	*beniaman alldridge	*Nathaniel Woods
jedidiah Chamberlain	*Jonathan hildrith	*Jeremiah Hall
Job Chamberlain	*Joseph How	Isaac Stone
Aaron Davis	*Daniel How Junr	

Those Marked * thus are Grantees from the Mass[a] & Severall of them have 2 & 3 rights apeice therefore they have Entred Some of their Children as Chandler How Wheeler &c[a]

Mem[o]

Maj Willard
Coll Willard 5 Rights
Maj[r] ffowle – 3 rights
Philip alexander an original Grantee & Settler
rich[d] Ward an old Grantee to be Entred

[The charter was granted Feb. 12, 1752.—Ed.]

[11—84]

The Names of those men that are to be put In the Charter of Township N° 2 on the East side of Conecticut River—

Thomas Chamberlain	Samuel minot	Jethro wheeler Jur
	John Fowl Jur	Fairbanks moor Jur
Benj[n] Aldridge	Philip Alexander	Joseph Bellows
Daniel How	Richard Ward	Heridon wheeler
Jethro Wheeler	Nathaniel Harris	Isaac Chamberlain
Daniel How Jur	Cornelius White	Josiah Chamberlain
Caleb How	Ebenezer Turner	Joshua Chamberlain
Samuel How	Samuel Livermore	Amos Davis
Abner How	Samuel Williams	50 Jedediah Chamberlen
Josiah Willard	30 moses Hastens	
10 oliver Willard	John Chandler	Jonathan Cole
John Ames	Simeon Alexander	mical Gilson
Volentine Butler	Ebenezer Hubbard	Simeon Knights
Samson Willard	Joseph Harengton	John Brown
John Fowl	John Rugg	William How
James Fowl	*Thomas marshall	Jonathan Cummings Jur
Nathanel Woods	Ebenezer Hinsdale	
Jeremiah Hall	Samuel Hunt	John Chamberlain
Timothy Harrengton	John Alexander	John Taylor
Josiah Foster	40 Enoch Hall	Daniel Pearce
20 Edward How	william moor	

1 Society for Propagation of y[e] Gospel 1 first Minister
1 Glebe 1 Atkinson 1 Wibird 1 Smith 1 Downing
1 Sheaffe 1 John Wentworth Jur Esq 1 Govern[r] Lott
1 Chace Min[r] of N. Castle

[11-85] [*Complaint relative to Bounds of the Grant of 1752: addressed to the Governor and Council, 1752.*]

May it please your Excellency with the Honourable Counsil to Condesend to hear the humble Petetion of the Propriators and Inhabitants, of the Town of Westmorland.

The Province of the Massachusetts Enjoying the land on this part of this River which they then Claim'd as their property, consonant with which supposed Title wee petetioned for this Township, and being granted, wee immediatly proceeded to a Settlement about Fourteen years since, when by the Running the Line of the Provinces wee fell within the Limmitts of your Excellencys Government, and by Renewed Petetion made to Your Excellency for a Renewed grant of the Land, wee have been favour'd with the same, but as wee Suspect not according to the Intention of Your Excellency and Honourable Counsil, for Major Willard and Mr Bellows hath not Conform'd to our Original Grant from the Massachusetts nor according to our Intention, which was to abide by our Original Lines, which are at present destroy'd, for the upper line is removed near Two milles lower down the River from whence our grant first took place, in which lay our Meadows or entervails, with our second divisions and all our Improvements on them whith the best part of our land and extending our line two milles lower down Includeing barren and Rockey Hills, no ways commoding the town, and then stretching the Line upon the north side of the Upper ashawhelock, which leaves us the barren land and mountains betwixt us, which Lyeth so far distant from the Body of the Town, that will never Commode the same, and these our Grievances wee fear will disable this town, either for the maintaining the Gospel, or sufficient Inhabitants to withstand the Indians, now wee prayeth for the Restoration and Confirmation of our Original Lines

Wee would advertise your Excellency and the Honble Counsil that when Mr Bellows went with a Petetion for No^br^ 3 Called walpole, he enter'd a number of names leaving out the names of the Old propriaty of that Town, and particularly them that had Cleard part of their land, and built also, Offering them but Eaqual Encouragement with others never labouring there, and depriving them of their labour without satisfaction for the Same, and he went in with his Petetion which being granted him, he is suppos'd to have purchas'd of them whose names were inserted for a Small Consideration, and now will give but the small Encouragement of fifty Acres of Upland to each Settler, without any Entervail, and this Prejudices people against settleing there, having before interrupted the former propriarty in their Settleing and now discouraging them after great ex-

pence, which wee fear will be Very detrimental to the Settleing his and our Town—

Neither petetion we for the additional grant of any other land particularly the farm formerly granted to Lieutenant Govr Taylor but only for the bair Lines which wee Enjoyd until the late Lines were Ran by the fore mentioned Gentlemen—

Wee would further Certifie Your Excellency and the Honble Counsil that we ware the first petetioners for land on this River, and have suffer'd the greatest Losses from the Enemy by fire and Sword, and have hitherto stood the Heat and burthen of the day, and at last to be undone without the knowledge of Your Excellency together with the hon^{ble} Counsil, who if truly knowing and fully understanding the same, wee hope from your now Goodness and Clemency will redress these our present difficulties which wee groan under and which is Submitted By Your Excellencys humble Petetioners, who as in duty bound will ever Continue to pray for you.—

In the name and by the Consent of the Inhabitants & propriators on the Spot, { Daniel How / Jethro Wheeler

Benjamin Aldridge	Herrodiam Wheeler	Samuel How
Amos Davis	Isaac Chamberlin	Edward How
Thomas Chamberlin	Joshua Chamberlin	Abner How
Daniel How Junr	Jedediah Chamber-	Simeon Alexander
John Warner	lin	Phillip Alexander
Jethro Wheeler Ju^{r}	Caleb How	

P, S, Mr Bellows hath Layd out his Town about Nine Milles long on the River but four milles wide at the Lower end, and but three milles wide at the upper end—

And the four milles wide, & Two Milles in length is run down in to our town that is the Occasion of our Grief—

Westmoreland April the 29th 1752

[11-86] [*Petition for Arms and Ammunition, 1776.*]

Westmoreland June 30th 1776

To the Counsell and Hous of Representatives of the Colony of New Hampshire, or the Committee of Safety for s^{d} Colony

Gentlemen we have Jest heard of the Retreet of our Nothard armey Which Puts us in feere that the Savages Will Be Down upon our frontteers and we in this Towne Being verey Short for amunition; as Well as Sum armes Wanting; Have with

our Naboring Towne agreed to Send mr Amos Babcock after armes and amunition; and we hope that we may Be Saplied With those articals Without Which we Cannot Defend our Selves Nor oure Country in order that each man have one Pound of Powder we Want in this Towne sixtey wait; and we Want fore hundred flints one hundred w^{t} of Lead and Twenty guns Which Will Well aquip us for wor if mr Babcock Can Be Soplied With the above articals we the Subscribors Being the Committee of Safety for the Towne of Westmoreland Will in Behalf of the Towne ingage the Pay

Joseph Burt
Ebne^{r} Bretten Junr
John Chamberlin

[R. 4–169] [*Jonathan Holton, Bennington Soldier, 1778.*]

To the Honourable Counsel and House of the General Assembly of the state of New Hampshire—

The Petition of Lieu^{t} Jonathan Holton of Westmorland In the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire Humbly sheweth that your Petitioner being A Lieuftenant In Capt Carlton^{s} Company In Col^{o} Nicholes Rigiment was in the Month of August last past in the Fight at Bennington Badly wouned A Ball striking his upper Lip and tearing it allmost off which Ball came out in his right Cheek and allso was at the same time hit by a buck shot which Entered his Left Cheek and Lodged near his Right Eye by which wounds Your Petitioner is some Disfigured and his speech some what Impaired and allso your Petitioner by means of said wounds has all most lost seven months Labour besides his cost to surgeons and some other necessary expences to obtain A Cure which he has not yet wholly obtained your Petitioner therefore prays that the Honourable Court would Grant him his Account and allso for his Disfigurement and Great Pain make him shuch further Consideration as they in their wisdom shall think proper and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Westmorland May 8 : 1778

Jonathan Holton Lieut

[August 20, 1778, allowed £11, 0, 6, and half pay.—Ed.]

[Rev. Papers, p. 291] [*Col. Bellows's Return, 1779.*]

We the subscribers Enlist ourselves as Soldiers in Captain Ephraim Stones Company in Col° Herculaus Mooneys Regiment raised in Said State to Serve at Rhoad Island for the term of Six months and promise Obedience to our officers as Good Soldiers—

Robert Packard
William Hartwell } July 6th
Samuel Slade } 1779

Elias Broton
Amasa Fuller } ye 10th
Silas Royse

Hezekiah Reynolds ye 12th

Isaac Tatten
Isaac Tatten Jur } ye 19th

Isaac Walker
Samuel Willard } ye 30th

Edward Keyes Augt ye 9th

The abovenamed men were raised out of the Regiment under my Command

Benja Bellows Col°

[Ephraim Stone was at Bunker Hill in Capt. Jacob Hinds's Co.—Ed.]

[R. & P. Papers, p. 67] [*Ensign Aldrich's Order, 1776.*]

Westmorland Decemb 25 : 1776—

Sr Pleas to send by Mr Ebenezer Brittin the money that is my Due for things that I Lost at Bunker Hill Fight and you will oblige yours &c

George Aldrich Ens
Capt Hinds Co
Col° Reeds Regt

the Hon[l] Timothy Walker Esq

[R. 4-170] [*Soldier's Petition, 1779: addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly Shew Benjamin Whitcomb Esqr Major & Commander of an Independent Corps of Rangers in the Continental Service George Aldrich a Captain in said Corps & Jonas Butterfield a Lieutenant in said Corps, all of Westmoreland in said State. That by the Report of the Committee on Allowance to soldiers in the Service, made to the General Court in November last they & said Corps were entitled to all the privileges that the three Continental Regiments of this State are entitled

to by a resolve of the General Assembly of this State of the twenty Sixth Day of March 1779 on the same being ascertained by a return from the Continental board of War That the said Board of Ward have hitherto delayed to make said return whereby they are as yet excluded from receiving the benefits they are entitled to by said report the President refusing to give an order for the Sums respectively due to them till said return is made—They therefore pray that the President may be authorized to give them orders on the Treasury for the sums due to them according to their respective ranks for which they shall be accountable till the said return is made & as bound shall pray in behalf of said Petitioners

Joseph Burt

Decr 27th 1779

[In H. of Rep., December 29, 1779, the forgoing petition was granted. Council concurred.—Ed.]

[R. 4–174] [*Relative to Moses Thompson, Soldier, 1780.*]

To the Honourable Council and assembly of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of Elijah Temple of Westmorland In said State humbly Sheweth that whereas your Petitioner in the Month of December Anno Domini 1778 Meeting with one Moses Thomson a Continental Soldier belonging to Capt Aldrich^{s} Company in Major Whitcombs Koore of Rangers with booth his Feet Froze in such A Manner as Rendered him unable to Walk or do Any Business and was Destitute of Money and the Necessaries that his Condition Required Your Petitioner after Considering his Curcumstances out of Pitty Duty and Humanity toock the said Moses Thomson into his House and by the Direction of the Select Men provided Such Necessaries as his Curcumstances Required to the Value of two hundred and fifty two Pounds as appears by Your Petitioners Account your Petitioner therefore Prays that the Honourable Court would Grant him the said sum of two Hundred and fifty two Pounds or otherways Act on this Petition as the Honourable Court in their Wisdom Shall think proper and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray

Elijah Temple

Westmorland January 23 : 1780

This May Certify that the within named Moses Thompson

was a Solder in my Company when he froze and that he was taken Care of as within mentioned

George Aldrich Capt

Westmorland Jan^{ry} 28th 1780

This may Certify that we the then Select men of westmorland Did Direct the within named Tempel to Take Cair of S^{d} Thompson as is Specify^{d} in the within Petition

Ephraim Stone
Daneil Peirce

westmorland Feb^{r} 4th 1780

[R. 4–176] [*Ezra Gates, Soldier, 1780.*]

To the Honourable Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire—

This May Certify the Honourable Court that We the Subscribers being Select Men in the Year 1779 in the Month of October the same Year did Request and Employ Lieut Isaac Chamberlain of Westmorland in said State to Keep and take Care of one Ezra Gates A Continental Soldier who was sick with A Fever and allso did Employ Doc^{r} Heber Miller to attend him as a Physician

Nathan Franklin } Select
William Hutchins } Men

Westmorland May 27 : 1780

[R. 4–177] [*Dr. Heber Miller's Petition, 1780.*]

To the Honourable Council and House of Assemble for the State of New Hampshire—

The Memorial of Heber Miller of Westmorland in the County and State Aforesaid Humbly sheweth that whereas one Ezra Gates of Haverril in said state on the thirtieth Day of October last (said Gates being a Continental Soldier in Col^{o} Hazens Regiment and Capt Harrins Company) being on his March from Haverril Aforesaid to Join his Regiment unfortunatly was taken sick of A Fever at the House of Lieut Isaac Chamberlains in said Westmoreland by means of which Fever the said Gates Continued at the said Chamberlains from the thirtieth Day of October Aforesaid to the twenty fifth Day of December then next following in which Time your Memorialist at the Desire and Request of the then Select-Men made him sundry Visits and Administred sundry Medicines to the Amount of one

hundred and fifty seven pounds—as Appears by Your Memorialists Account Accompaning this Petition, Your Memorialist therefore prays that the Honourable Court would Grant him the said sum of one Hundred and

And furthermore Your Memorialist at the Request of sundry Freeholders of Westmorland Aforesaid did on the Eleventh Day of August last past Issue a Warrant Against one David Johnson Junr of Westmoreland Aforesaid he being a Continental Soldier to shew Cause if any he had the Reason of his being Absent from his Regiment on trial the said David plead Bodily Indisposition and requested an Adjournment and an Examination by regular physicians which request from principles of humanity I Granted and summoned Gideon Tiffany Obadiah Blake Solomon Harvey and Moses Esqr physicians to Meet at the House of Lieut Isaac Chamberlains in said Westmorland to Examin the said David Johnson who after being Duely sworn did on the twentieth Day of August aforesaid Examin the said David and brought in their Repourt that he was then unfit to indure the fatigues of the Camp on which Repourt I then Dismised the said David Johnson from his Confinement for which servis the physicians Aforesaid Charged thirty five pounds as appears by their Account which sum Your Memorial prays that the honourable Court would Grant him and also the Constables Account and an Adequate Reward for the servis of Your Memorialist or Otherways act on this petition as the Honourable Court in their Wisdom shall think proper and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

Heber Miller

Westmorland June 3 : 1780

[R. 4–178] [*David Johnson, Soldier, 1779.*]

Westmoreland Augt 20th 1779

To Heber Miller Esqr

In Obedience to your command we have taken into our consideration of the state of David Johnson Junr and upon mature consideration at present look upon him to be unfit for to indure the fatigues of the Camp by reason of bodily indisposition

Gideon Tiffany
Obadiah Blake
Solomon Havey
Moses Barnard
} Phisicions

[R. 4–179] Westmorland June 5 : 1780

To Serving A Warrant on David Johnson Junr Dated the Eleventh Day of August last past, and the attendance— £6–0–0

To my Expences and the Attendants Expences— 9–0–0

15–0–0

Jonathan Goodenow Constable

[R. 4–180]

Physicans account for attending a Court of Examination on David Johnson Ju for six days attendance for themselves & horses with Necessary Expenses £35 : 0 : 0

Gideon Tiffany — Solomon Harvey
Obadiah Blake — Moses Barnard

Westmorland August 20th 1779

[R. 4–182] [*Petition of David Johnson, Jr., 1780.*]

To the hon^ble^ the Council & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in general Assembly Convened October 1780—

Humbly Shews

David Johnson jun^r^ of Westmorland in the County of Cheshire That having served in the Armies of the United States until May 1777 he then enlisted in one of the New Hampshire Battalions for three Years in which he served till after the Evacuation of Ticonderoga—That soon after the Battle of Hubbardtown he was taken sick at Williams-Town in the County of Berkshire & thereby confined there fifteen Months near eleven at his own private Expence—That he has never since perfectly recovered his health, but has been in a very weak infirm state—not able to join his regiment & do the duty of a soldier nor even to earn his bread by bodily labour—Notwithstanding which he has been taken up as a Deserter more than once but upon advice of Phisicians dismist—That last week on the Sabbath he was again forcibly taken As a Deserter by one Britton a private man & brot to Exeter in order to be committed to Gaol as such —That were of sufficient Ability he shoud gladly have discharged his Duty in the said Regiment & performed his said Engagement—But his said sickness has so entirely impaired his Constitution that he is rendered totally incapable thereof Wherefore he prays your honors Interposition in his behalf

That he may have liberty to return home and live in peace there & as in Duty bound shall pray &c—

David Johnson Junr

Octr 30th 1780—

[R. 4–183] [*Lois Johnson's Petition.*]

To the Honourable Senate & house of Representativs for the State of Newhampshire To Be hold At Portsmouth on the first of febeuary Next—

Gentlemen. Inasmuch as my husband David Johnson was inlisted
And Served as a Soldier in Colonel Nathan hales Regt & Carrs Company Untill Sickness Disabled him notwithstanding
He Was Still Retained, at the Call of hiss Country; Should Hiss health have been Restored, as may appear by an act Of The Honourable house of Representatives Dated November
The first 1780, I therefore thought good, humbly to Request That the Wages Due to my husband, might be paid To Me for discharging debts; by him Contracted for The help of Physians and nesasarys of life While He remained at the Call of Hiss Country, as May appear By the testimony of the Committee of Inspection and Select Men of Williamstown dated June 29 1780 Therefore Humbly Confiding
In your goodness and, generous disposition to plead the Cause Of the Widow and fatherless I Humbly Subscribe Myself
Yours as by dutty bound

January 23^{d} 1786 Loas Johnson

Administratrick of S^{d} Estate—

[11–87] [*Statement concerning matters in Town, 1781.*]

Westmorland 13 Feby 1781—

Sir—

Before this reaches you, you will undoubtedly hear of the disorder in this part of the State,—I find that people pretend to be actuated by several motives,—some say that the Court of New Hampshire are so Arbetary that they ought to brake from them, some say that New Hampshire had rather confine the State to the Mason Line, then have any of the Grants west of

the River; but some more bold Enemies to the State and States, such as Capt Daniel Carlile of Westmorland who on the seventh of this Instant before several witnesses,—Did declare, that for his part, he was for the Convention, not because he saw what they was after, but the more disorder the better in order to bring about a Revolution: for says he We must either be subject of France or Britton and for his part, he chose *Great Britton*, and if the people would rise and drive the French from the Continent, he would go in parson, or contribute *one hundred hard Dollars* towards the same; for says he, the people must throw of the authority, and then they could make a peace, for a peace with Great Britton was what he wanted and said, I am not, afraid to declare my sentiments before your best Authority, for said he your Authority is weak and if three Towns will Combine together, the Authority dare not medle with them, nor send for any Tax and as for myself says he I will pay no more Taxes to New Hampshire, for a Revolt, from Authority is what I want, and such like conversation, this Capt Carlile and some other disaffected persons have been very active by one means or other to lead the people to Act as inconsistant with and I think as much against their interest and the common good, as they could have acted; this is not the only Town for I am well informed that the disaffected persons are all engaged in this new Plan, for seperating from New Hampshire, as they please to term it; but I believe it is more as Capt Carlile desires it to be, to bring on all the disorder possible. He and some others are grone to be very bold and I wish for heavens sake that Authority might take place and all our domestick Enemies might either be subjected to Authority or driven from us for they are the Pest of Society, and I think they are on the gaining hand in this part of the State—Sir I thought it my Duty, to inform your honor of this that you might be acquainted of what persons we have amongst us—

I am Sir
Your Honors most
Obed^{t} and Hble Servt
Joseph Burt

The Honble Mesheck Weare

[11–88] [*Sundry Citizens against a Union with Vermont, etc.: addressed to the General Court, 1781.*]

The memorial of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Westmoreland in the County of Cheshire, & State of New Hampshire:—Humbly sheweth—That your memorialist, ever Anxious

to promote the grand cause of the United States of America, & particularly the State of New Hampshire ; and at all times have endevored to defend the same, and never sought by any means whatever, to leave the government of New Hampshire by attempting to Joine with any other State, or Body of People ; yet conterary to our will, there has been Votes obtained in many Towns in this Part of the State, to Joine Vermont so called : the Town of Westmorland (at least a majority of it) has Voted to Joine with them. Your memorialist conceive that such Votes are unconstutinal, therefore cannot be binding upon us :—We your memorialist viewing ourselves as part of the thirteen confederated States, have a right to protection therefrom, and particularly from the State of New Hampshire. considering ourselves as part thereof ; and your memorialist humbly pray, that we may be protected from the usurped Authority of Vermont or any unconstitutional Authority whatever, Hoping your Honors will take our unhappy Situation, under your wise consideration and grant us such relief, as shall be most for ours and the States public good ;—we beg leave to say that we are much exposed to the inroads of the Enemy—& in a defencless State, through deficiency of Arms & irregularity of the Militia, accru'd by the unhappy Dispute,—Officers Ellected under the Authority of Vermont ; some of which have been, in years past considered as inamical to the Liberties of America ; altho they are very zealous for the independence of Vermont—we do not pretend to say that they are not good men now ; yet we are not without fears, that their designs are not, altogether so friendly to the common Cause, Others who were under the Oath of Fidelity to the thirteen States, have dispenced with their Oaths, & have sworn to support & maintain the Independence of another State ; which conduct creates much confusion in this part of the State.—We have entered our protest against their proceedings, and do appeal to the confederated States for protection ; wishing that our unhappy situation may be laid before Congress :—Altho those gentlemen that are for the New State, say that Congress, will not take up to determine any thing upon the matter, Nay some say, that Congress have no business to Do any thing more then to receive Vermont into confederation, they direct us to look upon the Other Side of the River, where the New York party have been waiting some years for protection from New York, and Congress, and cannot obtain it, they also add that we had better unite with them, & then Congress will establish the State ; but we had rather have the consent of the confederated States first, which if they shall determine that we leave the State of New Hampshire, & be errected into the State together with the grants, west of the river (which if done we trust will be upon a Just and equal footing)

we shall have no Objections, in whose wisdom and prudence we confide, & as in duty bound will ever pray—

Westmorland June 8th 1781

Joseph Wilbur	Jeams Brittin	William Brittin
Elijah Temple	Ebnzr Brittin Ju	Isaac Butterfield
Joseph Burt	Ezekal mixer	Francis Putnam
Nathl Wilbore	Philap Brittin	Philap Wilbore
Daniel Stone	John Adams	Philap Wilbore Jur
Job Wilbore	David Wilbore	Joseph Tompson
John Peirce	Nehemiah Browne	Ebenezer Brettun
Jonas Butterfield	george Clark	Caleb Aldrich
george Aldrich	David Witherell	Nathl Tinney
Ephraim Lenord	Ebnezer gilbart	Ephraim Wood
Elisha Wilbore	Levi goodanow	John Snow
Joseph White	Simeon Proutey	Pendleton Brettun
David Brittin	Elias Chamberlain	William Adams

[R. 4–184] [*James Simonds, Soldier, 1781.*]

To the Honourable Council and Assembly of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of James Simons of Westmorland in the County of Cheshire in said State humbly Sheweth that whereas Your Petitioner has ben A Soldier in the Continental Servis in Defending the Just Rights of the united States Against their Enemies in which Servis Your Petitioner has ben Captured and Suffered the inhuman treatment and Severity of the Enemy but after had the Good Fortune to Escape after which I again Joined my Regiment and was in the Battle at Monmouth In which I Extreamly Suffered by the Heat which Rendered me unfit for the servis and obtained A Furlough after which by Reason of my ill State of Helth I obtained several Certificates and Lastly a Discharge and as Your Petitioner has Receivd no Wagers nor Cloathing Your Petitioner Prays that the Honourable Court would make him such Consideration as they in their Wisdom shall think Proper and Your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

James Simonds

Westmorland December 18: 1781

[James Simonds was in First N. H. Regiment.—Ed.]

[Rev. Pap. p. 69.] [*Captain Stone's Return, 1782.*]

To the Commity on Claims—I send here inclosed an accompt of what I have paid the men that was made up in my Role in the year 1780—at the Northard and I would [inform] you that I have sent one before and thought you had it long agoe besides an account I sent of two or three men singley

I paid to folowing men the sum sot Down to each mans name

	£–S.		£–S.
Sarg^{t} Richard Holden	24	John Gibson	18 —
Sarg^{t} Eben^{r} Billings	120	Thos Hoit	12 —
fifer John Ganzey	120	Stephen Harris	240 —
George Alrige	24	Henry Merrill	638 18
Caleb Balch	589–16	Benjn Randal	240 —
Cyrus Balch	621– 1	Enos Tempel	300 —
Gam Field	24	Thos Williams	277 15

The above is all the money that I have got Recpts for the unpleted situation of affairs in these parts prevented my gitting the orders I had on some men from the Treasurer but I expect to settel it soon now

Eph^{m} Stone C^{t}.

Westmoreland April 8—1782

[11–90] [*Relative to collecting Taxes, 1782.*]

This May Certify that the Situation of Publick Affairs Ware such in this Town Last year that we think it ware Impossable for Mr Job Chamberlain One of the Constables for the Year 1780 to Collect his Tax that was uncollected Mr Chamberlain Informes us that he has a Quantity of Continental money which He failed for want of an Oppertunity of Sending to the Treasurer As he Sayeth which we Cannot say anything about only that he Is a man of Truth Therefore we Beleive him

Westmoreland May 27th 1782

Benjamin Peirce
Abiel Eddy
Joseph Burt
John Doolittle
} Select Men of Westmoreland

[R. 4–186] [*Bounties Allowed to Soldiers.*]

In Committee on Claims Mar. 15. 1783—

The Bounty advanced by Westmoreland to Wm Martin is

Nine pounds which sum has been deducted from his depreciation
Ex^d Per Josiah Gilman Junr

Concord June 22, 1786

The Bounty advanc'd by the Town of Westmoreland to Solomon Robins a Soldier for one year, is Twenty two Pounds, which has been deducted from his depreciation
Ex^d Per Josiah Gilman Junr

[R. 4–173] [*Certificate relative to Nehemiah Pierce, Soldier.*]

I do hereby certify whome it may concern that Nehemiah Pierce of Westmorland in the State of New-hampshire who Served in the year 1776 in an Expidition against the British in the Service of the afforsaid State under Capt Levi Spalding in Coll^n Reads Rejiment and returned in the faul of Said year Sick of a fever and a Sore on his under jaw bone and much exercised with a scorbutick disorder also which several disorders in my opinion have ben the means of disableing him from making Such Provision for his own and families Support as he most Likely would have been had it not ben for the hardships and Sickness which he endured in the abovesaid expidition and for a year or more after his return home during which time he was under my own and other physicians Care in which time I took out with my own hands a part of his under jaw bone the bad effects of which occasioned by a bad & dangerous Sore as above mentioned may be better perceived by inspection than described by writing

Solomon Harvey Physician

Chesterfield may ye 30th 1786

[Said Pierce petitioned Mar. 12, 1779, and was allowed half-pay to continue until Jan. 1, 1780. He petitioned again May 7, 1786, and furnished the foregoing certificate, also one similar from Dr. Lemuel Dickerman of Brattleborough. His half-pay was continued.]

[11-91] [*Recommendations for Magistrates, 1784.*]

To the Honourable Council and house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen the town of westmoreland having ben destitute of a Justice of the peace for a Considerable time the Inhabitants thereof finding it to be very inconvenient in many respects to be without they accordingly in town meeting assembled on Y^e 29th

day of march 1784 voted that they would bring in their votes for a Justice or Justices of the peace at their adjournment of that meeting to be recommended by the select men of the town to your Honours to be Commitioned the town being met on ye 7th of April according to adjournment they firstly voted that Mr John Doolittle Should be recommended as above mentioned to be Commitioned as a Justice of the peace

William Hutchins } Select
Azariah Leach } men

and 2^ndly^ at the same meeting Voted that Mr William Hutchins Should also be Recommended to be Commitioned

Westmoreland April 10th 1784

From our honours most Humble Searveants

John Doolittle } Select
Azariah Leach } men

[11-92] [*Josiah Willard relative to a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

Humbly sheweth Josiah Willard of Winchester in said State, that he hath been at the Expence of keeping a Ferry across Connecticut River for more than thirty Years at a Place called Lord's Ferry between Westmorland and the Great Meadow (so called) in Putney—that your Petitioner was one of the original Proprietors of said Town of Westmorland, and in selling his Right in said Town reserved a Tract of Land for the use of said Ferry, and that he owneth a large Tract of Land in Putney on the opposite Side of said River—that the said Ferry hath been very expensive to your Petitioner, & that he hath received but little advantage from the same hitherto, but expecteth for the future that, as it is situated to accomodate the People on both Sides of the River, there will be much passing that Way—And that the said Ferry will be not only serviceable to the Public, but profitable to the Person who shall be privileged to keep it. Wherefore your Petitioner prays that the exclusive Right of keeping a Ferry beginning one Mile above the Place where said Ferry is now kept, and extending two Miles down s^d^ River, may be vested in him, his Heirs and Assigns, And as in Duty bound will ever pray

Josiah Willard

[In the H. of Rep., February 28, 1786, a hearing was ordered for next session.—Ed.]

[11-93] [*Solomon Robbins for a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

The Petition of Solomon Robbins of Westmorland in the county of Cheshire, and State of New Hampshire, yeoman, Humbly Sheweth, that your Petitioner lives almost upon the Bank of Connecticut River in Westmoreland aforesaid, within about half a Mile of Westmorland Meeting house where the Proprietors of Westmorland formerly layed out a Lumber yard, and where there Has for many years been a Ferry Kept, that it is the most convenient place for a Ferry across said River, of any within Some Miles, and Situated on the most direct road from Westmoreland to Putney, where a Ferry must be Greatly beneficial to the Publick.—

He therefore Prays your Honours to Grant unto him and his heirs and assigns, the sole Right of Keeping a Ferry across the River aforesaid against his Dwelling house in Westmoreland aforesaid, under such Regulations as you in your Great Wisdom shall see fit, and that all others may be excluded from keeping a Ferry across said River, within one Mile Either up or Down said River, from his house aforesaid. And He as in Duty bound shall ever Pray, &c

Solomon Robbins

Westmoreland February the 9th 1785

[*Several Citizens in favor of Robbins.*]

To the Great and Honourable the General Court of New Hampshire

We the Subscribers inhabitants of Westmoreland and Towns adjoyning having frequent occasion to cross Connecticut River, do conceive the Ferry at the House of mr Solomon Robbins to be the most convenient of any within several Miles of the same, and Earnestly request that his Petition within Mentioned, may be granted, and we as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Westmoreland February the 9th 1785.

Joseph Burt	Abel Wheeler
Ezekiel Mixer	Tho. Brintnal
Amos Babcock	Jasr Wait
James Gleson	

[The exclusive privilege of a ferry at that place was granted to Mr. Robbins in 1786.—Ed.]

[11–94] [*Micah Reed for a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

The Petition of Micah Read of Westmorland in the county of Cheshire, and State of New Hampshire yeoman, Humbly sheweth, that your Petitioner has Kept, a constant Ferry across Connecticut River, in the Town of Westmorland aforesaid, from said Westmorland to Putney, for a Number of years, against your Petitioners Dwelling house in said Westmorland, that there is great need of a Ferry where he has Kept the same, and that he has been at considerable cost for Boats to Keep said Ferry, and is now well provided with Boats and other accommodations for Keeping the Same, He therefore Humbly Prayeth that your Honours, would Grant unto your Petitioner His Heirs and Assigns, the Sole and Exclusive right of Keeping a Ferry for the future, across said River, against his said Dwelling House in said Westmorland, under such regulations, as you in your Wisdom shall see fit, and that all other Persons may be Excluded from Keeping a Ferry across said River, within sixty rods up or two miles down the Same, and He as in Duty Bound shall ever pray.

Micah Read

Westmorland June the 1st 1785.

We Do Hereby certifie that we are of opinion, that there is Great need of a Ferry, against the House of mr Micah Read of Westmoreland, across Connecticut River, and that said Read has Kept the same to General Satisfaction, and is a Suitable person, and well accommodated to Keep the same. We therefore Humbly pray that his Petition above may be granted.

George Aldrich } Selectmen of
William Hutchins } Westmorland

Westmorland June 1st 1785.

[Granted in 1786.—Ed.]

[11–95] [*Relative to a Horse lost in the Service: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

I Ebenezer Britton Jur of Westmorland in Said state, do pray, and Humbly shew that I being a Lieutenant in the melitia of this state in the year AD 1780 in October—at which time there was a Call for the melitia to go forward and Repel the force of the Enemy who at that time burnt the town of Roylton—the Command of the Company whereof I was Lieut devolving upon

me I accordingly Endavoured to forward on the Company under my Command as quick as possable and for the purpose of Conveying the baggage did impress Several horses one of which Was the property of Mr Elisha Wilbore of westmorland and of the value of ten pounds Silver money, which Sum I have paid to the said Elisha wilbore—as an Equivelent for the said horse as the said horse while in Said Service Loaded and traveling fell and broke his Sholder and was thereby lost in the publick service—Your petitioner humbly prayeth that the Said sum of ten pounds—with the Interest thereon may be Allowed to him and paid out of the treasury of this State

Ebenezer Britton Leuet

[Sworn to before John Doolittle, Oct. 18, 1785.—Ed.]

[11-97] [*Isaac Butterfield for a Ferry: addressed to the General Court, 1785.*]

The Petition of Isaac Butterfield of Westmoreland in the county of Cheshire, and State of New Hampshire Esqr Humbly sheweth, that there Has been for a Number of years past, a Ferry Kept a cross Connecticut River, Between the Town of Westmoreland aforesaid, and the Town of Putney, Commonly called Lords Ferry, that your Petitioner Owns the Land adjoyning the Ferry aforesaid, in said Westmoreland, that he is very desireous of Keeping the said Ferry, and that there is no other person in said Westmoreland that could be equally accommodated to Keep the same, and that he no ways doubts that your Honours would prefer a Citizen of New Hampshire, before any others to grant the same unto, that he is confident that no person (even on the other side of the River) is so well accommodated to Keep the same, as himself. He therefore Humbly Prayeth, that your Honours, would Grant unto your Petitioners, His Heirs and Assigns, the sole and Exclusive right of Keeping the said Ferry for the Future, under such Regulations as you in your great Wisdom shall see fit, and that all other persons, may be excluded from Keeping a Ferry across said River; within one mile and an half of said Ferry, Either up or Down Said River.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound Shall ever Pray.

Yours Isaac Butterfield

Westmoreland February the —— 1785.

[11-99] [*Ebenezer Britton for Major, 1785.*]

Westmorland october 18th 1785

Sir a greeable to your Desire I hearby informe you that Ebenezer Brittin Junr is the oldest Capt in the 2st Reidgement and I Know of No objection (in Case the Reidgement Should be filled) why He Should Not Be a major—

I am Sir your Humble Servt George Aldrich

Genl Sulaven

[11-100] [*Vote relative to Paper Money, 1786.*]

The State of New Hampshire,

Westmoreland, November the 15th day in the year of our Lord 1786—

agreeable to a request from the Legislative authority of this state the Inhabitants of sd westmoreland on the aforesd day of Novr being legally assembled in town meeting for the purpose Collecting their opinions relative to the proposed plan sent out by the Honl Court for making paper money—

1stly the Question's being put by divideing the house to know the number for having paper money, and the number against it, there appeared to be forty for having paper money made, and twenty against it.

2ndly there appeared on aneother Division thereof to be thirty one against haveing paper money on the present propossd plan: and twentyone for haveing it agreeable to sd plan.—

3rdly Nineteen of those that ware against money's being Emitted agreeable to ye propossd plan which is sent out—Voted that they would have a bank of money made of paper Equal to the sum of this states debt, on the following plan Viz to have it made a tender in all Cases or payments and to have it not on Interest, and to have it given out for to run twenty Years, and to have it sink one twentyeth yearly until it should be Dead

the above is a true Journal of the meeting aforesaid

Attest John Doolittle Town Clerk of sd Westmoreland

[See Atkinson papers, Vol. XI, p. 127.—Ed.]

[11-103] [*Certificate of Nails made, 1791.*]

State of New Hampshire

Cheshire ss Westmorland May ye 30th 1791

Wee the Subscribers select men of sd Westmorland hereby Certify that Abiather Shaw of said Westmorland has since may

one thousand seven Hundred & Eighty nine made and Caused to be made in his workshop one hund and Ninety Eight thousand of ten Penny nales and one hundred and fifty four thousand of four Penny nales and fourteen thousand of Twenty Penny nales & thirty five thousand of six penny nales the Whole of the above Nales were bonafidely Wrought and made in the Shop of the aforsaid abiather by himself and hands in his Imploy

Caleb Aldrich } Select men
David Hutchins } of Westmorland

Counter Signed by me Amos Babcock the Neighest Justes of the Peace to s[d] abiathers Work Shop

Concord June 16 1791

Received an Order on the Treas[r] for eight pounds in favor of Abiather Shaw as a bounty on 100,000 of 10[d]—& 100,000 of 4[d] nails—

Archelaus Temple

[The state paid a bounty on hand-made nails.—Ed.]

[11–104] [*Certificate of Nails made, 1792.*]

State of Newhampshire

Cheshire ss westmorland, February y[e] 2nd 1792

this may Certify that Daniel Cobb of Said Westmorland has sence the Seventh Day of February one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Nine to this Date made and Caused to be made in his work Shop in Said Westmorland one hundred and fifty Seven thousand of Ten penny Wrought Nales and one hundred and three thousand & five hundred and fifty Four penny Wrought Nales in Witness whereof Wee have hereunto Set Our hand[s]

Caleb Aldrich ju[r] } Select men
David Hutchins } of
Ezra Peirce } Westmorland

[11–108] [*John Kathan for a Ferry, 1799.*]

To the Honirabel General assembly of the State of New Hampshire to be conveined in December next

The Petition of John Kathan of Dummerston in the County of Windham & State of Vermont—humbly Shewith that your

petitioner, was one of the first familay, that setled in the town of Dummerston, then Caled the aquivilant Land[s] as early as the year—1752.—which was then a howling wilderness, & we injoyed our Selves, Very Comfortaibly, for a bout three years, without aney neighbours within five miles, til the french & Indian war broke out, & took Cap[t] James Johnson & familay from N° 4, & Carried them to Canoday, this Put us in Grait fear, & distress, we must then Leave our farm, & all & flee to Garrison, & so on for several summers, til the war Cesed—then we betook our Selves to our farm, after having our house burnt & property Distroied—& as my buildings are Close on the west bank, of the river against Westmoreland, where I the pertitisionar haive Cept a ferry, at all times, by day and night, when Caled on, with botes for teams & Droves of Cattle, &c, & now I am informed, that the same ferrey is about to be Granted, to som other person—therefore your humbel Petitisonar prays, your honours, to take your petitionars Case, into your Serious Consideration, & stil Continue the privilige, to me your humble Petitisionar together with one mile north and South on Said River & as in Dutey bound shall ever pray—

John Kathan

Dummerston 20th of November, 1799—

[11–109] [*Josiah Marsh for a Ferry, 1799.*]

To the Honorable Senate & House of Representatives now holden at Concord in the State of New Hampshire

Prays Josiah Marsh

That whereas a Ferry established by law and under good regulations across Connecticut River at the lower part of Westmoreland in s[d] State would be a great benefit & accommodation to the Public, it being a place of much travel, your Petitioner humbly prays the Honorably Senate & House of Representatives to grant him the sole right & privilege of erecting & maintaining a Ferry at any suitable place within foure miles & one half mile from the south line of s[d] Westmoreland extending northerly on s[d] river, and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

Josiah Marsh

Westmoreland June 1799

[In H. of Rep., December 13, 1799, the foregoing petition was granted. Senate concurred.—Ed.]

[11–113] [*Petition for the Incorporation of a Baptist Society: addressed to the General Court, June 4, 1800.*]

Humbly Shew Your Petitioners, Inhabitants of the Towns of Westmoreland, Walpole, Surry and Keene, Professors of Religion by the Denomination of Baptists—That for many years last past they have assembled together for public Worship as a Baptist Society; and, for the more orderly and regular management of the same—pray that they, with such others as may hereafter be admitted as members, may be incorporated into a religious Society to be called and known by the name of the First Baptist Society in Westmoreland with sufficient power and authority to support and Settle a minister—to build and repair meeting Houses and to raise and Collect taxes for those purposes—To warn and hold meetings and to choose all proper officers for transacting and managing the Concerns of said Society and to make by Laws for regulating the same, provided the same are not contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the State—and for Liberty to bring in a Bill accordingly—Or, that the Honourable Court would make such Order on the premises as to them shall seem meet—and as in duty bound pray

Caleb Aldrich J^{r}	Cyrus Staples	John White
Wm Brettun	Joshua Fuller	Levi Hancock
Sammuel Robbins	John Snow	Benj^{a} Leonard
John Brown	Amos Brown	Jonathan Wilber
Asa Hancock	Samuel Woodward	Oliver Wright
Noah Fuller J^{r}	Jon^{a} Winchester	Jabez Straton
Eben^{r} Wright	Seth Bretun	Philip Britton
Chever Fowler	John Paul	Benjamin Merryfield
John Chamberlain	Dudley Thomas	Benjamin Carpenter
John Chamberlain J^{r}	Daniel Wilber	Elijah A Hall
	Paul Clark	Zephaniah Leach J^{r}
Levi Ware	Ephraim Brown	William Aldrich
Oliver Smith	Joseph Whitney	Rufus Smith
Nehemiah Brown	Stephen Bowker	Joshua Hall

We hereby Certify that the Select men of Westmoreland Walpole Surry and Keene have been Served with a Copy of the within petition and order of Court thereon agreeably to the within Directions

Sept 15th 1800

Asa Hancock
Wm Brettun
} Committee for s^{d} Petitioners

We hereby Certify that the within Named Petitioners that are Inhabitants of Surry have been Exempted from Ministeral Taxes In Said Town for many years Last past on Acount of their Belonging to the Baptist Society in westmorland—

The Number of Said Petitioners Belonging to Surry Are Nine Only

Surry October 17th 1800

Saml Hills
Asa Hancock } Selectmen of Surry
Sarel Hayward

[The act of incorporation was passed December 10, 1800 See Surry papers, *ante*.—Ed.]

WILTON.

The township was granted by the Masonian proprietors, Oct. 1, 1749, to Thomas Read and others, and called No. 2. A lotted plan may be found in manuscript town papers, Farmer's collection, vol. 6, in office of secretary of state. Settlements were made there as early as 1738. The town was incorporated June 25, 1762, to continue until Jan. 1, 1765, and named Wilton.

January 2, 1765, the town was again incorporated, "to have continuance until his Majesty's pleasure shall be further known."

An addition was made to the first grant of the town by the Masonian proprietors, of territory priorly belonging to or claimed by the town of Lyndeborough (see Vol. XII, p. 513). With this exception I fail to find any record of any change of the boundaries of Wilton.

Wilton men in First N. H. Regiment:

Timothy Abbott, enlisted Feb. 27, 1781; discharged Dec. 31, 1781.

Corp. Israel Howes, enlisted Feb. 27, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Daniel Holt, enlisted Jan. 27, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Joel Holt, enlisted Feb. 27, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Nath. Needham,* enlisted March 1, 1777; discharged Jan. 2, 1779.

Benjamin Pierce, enlisted February, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Asa Redington, enlisted Feb. 27, 1781; discharged December, 1781.

Howes, Daniel and Joel Holt, Pierce, and Redington were in the same regiment in 1782. Sergeant Archelaus Batchelder was wounded at Bennington and pensioned.

[11–114] [*Petition relative to County Bounds, etc.*]

To his Excellency John Wentworth Esqr Captn General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of New Hampshire, and to the Honble his Majesty's Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled—

The Petition of us the Subscribers humbly sheweth, That Your Petitioners being Inhabitants within the Lines of the County Prescribed, (viz) Peterborough West Line and the Easterly Line of Litchfield, And Whereas by Information we are by a Petition from others to your Hon^{rs} rendred incapable by the Reason of the Fewness of Inhabitants and the Unlikeliness of Increase to Support the Officers of the County in such Sort, That any Gentleman sutable therefor will be Unwilling to Undertake the Same: All which is a Mistake, The People are Many And as We think able and Sufficient and the Increase More and More, the greater part of the County within s^{d} Lines being Unsettled, And that is Small in Comparison of other Advantages accrewing if Amherst be made the Shire Town, All the Roads leading from the Towns adjacent center to Amherst and there is Food and Forrage and other Things necessary. But if carried further East will increase Travel and if over the River will make it inconvenient both for Men and Women in many Seasons of the Year. Therefore We pray that the Lines prescrib'd may be fix'd and no Additions made and that Amherst may be the Shire Town, And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Wilton April 5, 1769.

Joseph Holt	John Brown	Jonathan Cram
Nathan Ballard	Jeremiah Abbot	David Cram
Jacob Abbot	David Blanchard	moses Stiles
Abiel Abbot	Stephen Blanchard	Solomon Cram

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* Reported as having died in the service.

Timothy Gray
John Burton Jur
James Dascombe
Joseph Holt Jur
Jeremiah Holt
Daniel Barker
Nathan Abbot
Francis Putnam
Joseph Putnam
Jonathan Cram
Richard Taylor
Abner Stiles
Jonathan Burton
Stephen Buss
Ephraim Peabody
Jacob Putnam
William Brown
William Pierce
Jonathan Greele
Joseph Stiles
Philip Putnam
John Burton
George Coburn
Asa Cram
John Cram Juner
Stephen Putnam
Joseph Cram
Nath[l] Haseltine
William Ball
John Cram
Jacob Putnam jun[r]
Joseph Butterfield
Ephraim Butterfield
James Maxwell
Amos Butterfield
Amos Fuller
Benjamin Cram
Ephraim Putnam juner
george Person
Jonathan Chamberlin
Ephraim Putnam
Jonathan Chamberlin iun[r]
Samuel Chamberlin
John Caskir
William Carson
John Hutchanson
John Stiles
Jacob Wellman
John Johnston
James Johnston
Adam Johnston
James Boutell
Osgood Carleton
Daniel Gould
George Gould
Timothy Carleton
Jonas Kidder
Melcisedek
John Stephenson
David Stephenson
Robert Badger
Banjaman Dutton

[11–116] [*Relative to a Bridge over Souhegan River, 1773.*]

Wilton Feb[ry] y[e] 11—1773

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in General Court to be Conven[d] at Exeter on the Second Wednesday in February Instant—

The Petition of the Subscribers humbly sheweth—

That the Bridge (in the one Mile Slip) Over the River formerly known by the Name of Souhegan River, is in Great want of being Repair[d] or Rebuilt, that the Bridge is of Publick Benefit being in the Direct way from Exeter to Charleston N° 4 that Three Bridges, have been Erected in that Place, and Repaired from time to time at the Expence of the Inhabitants of Wilton and few other Persons—that the Inhabitants of the one Mile Slip are few in Number and they think it a Hardship to be put to the Charge of it Alone—Therefore Your Petitioners pray that Your Honours would take it into your wise Consideration and Direct in what Way the same shall be Rebuilt—and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever Pray—

Amos Fuller	Amos Holt	Will[m] parson
Samuel Shelden	Mary Pettengill	Tho[s] Pearson
Stephen Buss	Samuel Hutchinson	Ebenezer parson
Ebenezer Chandler	David Chandler	Samuel parson
Joseph Abbot	Uriah Wilkins	Nathan Hutchinson
Benj[a] Lewis	Simon Blanchard	Benj[a] Hutchinson
Jacob Abbot	Jotham Blanchard	Nathan Hutchinson
Joseph Snow	Ben[n] Lewis Ju[r]	Junr
William Brown	Richard Boynton	Sam[l] Mitchel
Fifield Holt	William Pearson	William Alld
Fifield Holt J[r]	Juner	
30 Petioners		

[11–115] [*Provisions sent to Cambridge, 1775.*]

To the Honnorable the Provincial Congress Seting at Exeter

Gentelmen—

We your Humble Petitioners Beg leave to present to your Honnors an Account of Provisions procuerd and sent to Cambrige for the Support of the Contenentel armey—

Which Account we pray may be allowed in Money, or by an order on the Province Treasurer the Account is £9 : 11 : 2 Lawful Money and in allowing the above Account you will Oblige your Humble Petitioners—

Abiel Abbot } Select men
Philip Putnam } of Wilton

Wilton Octo[r] y[e] 24th 1775.

P S. for further Perticulers Inquire of our Deligate.

[11–118] [*Objections to Articles of Confederation, 1778.*]

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in General Court to be conven'd at Exeter on the Second Wednesday in February Instant—

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth, that upon hearing the Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union proposed by the United States in Congress assembled, distinctly and repeatedly read and maturely considering the same We find ourselves constraned, (painful as it is) to petition your Honors to examine with a Candid yet Jealous Eye the following Articles of Confederation, And if your Honors think best, to Remonstrate and Petition to the Congress of the United

States respecting the same the Articles which strike our Minds with concern are as follows,

In the Fifth Article one clause is, that in determining Questions in the United States in Congress assembled, Each state shall have one Vote, this has no Regard to Numbers or Property; and We fear will have a Tendency to break our Union.

The Eighth Article directs that the Continental or publick Chest shall be Supply'd by the several States in proportion to value of granted and surveyed Lands, improvements and buildings thereon. This has no Reference to the N° of poles, live stock, stock in Trade or at Interest

The Ninth Article, the first Clause, grants to the United States in Congress assembled, the sole and exclusive Right and power of Determining on Peace and War, except in the Cases mentioned in the sixth Article: Is it not a power Greater than the King of great Brittain in Council or with the House of Lords ever had? or Greater than the seven United States of Holland gave their Statholders? May we not suppose that the Members of that August Body, conscious of the Rectitude of their own Intentions; have no Room left to Suspect the Integrity of any future Members thereof? But altho' We admit and believe that Virtue fills the Breast of every Member of that Honorable Body at this Day: We have no good Degree of Certainty, that That will be always the Case.

If Canada should acceed to this Confederation, there will be Fourteen States, then it will take Eight to make a Majority, in this Case it requires the Assent of Nine which is but one more than a bare Majority, those Nine, admitting there is a possibility of their being vicious Men, may in some future Time, by one exertion involve us in a War that may cost us much Blood and Treasure.

Another Clause in the Ninth Article mentions their Transmitting to every State a Coppy of the sums of Money they borrow or Emitt. We could wish they had added, (and the Expenditure or applying the same). We your petitioners could wish an Alteration in the above mentioned Articles, but Sensible of our Unacquaintedness with Politicks we presume not to prescribe; but pray your Honors mature Consideration thereon—

Sign'd in behalf of the Town

Joseph Holt
Jon[a] Burton
John Dale jun[r]
} Select Men of Wilton

Wilton Feb[ry] 10th 1778,

At a Legal Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in Wilton on Tuesday the 10th Day of February A–D–1778 by

Adjournment, after hearing the above petition repeatedly and distinctly read, and maturely considering the same, Voted that the Select Men of Wilton in behalf of the Town Sign and Transmit the same to the General Court.

Attest Joseph Holt T. Clk.

[Rev. Pap. p. 309] [*Wilton Soldiers, 1776.*]

In obedience to the Honnorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New Hampshire holden at Exeter December 27, 1775.—We have taken an Account of the Number of the Soldiers of our Town, who served in the Summer past in the Continental Armey, and are enlisted there for the year Coming. And there is in Amos Fullers Collection, The Number of Soldiers Six. The sum of their Rates [Taxes] is Eleven Shillings Four Pence and Two farthing, And in Richard Whitneys Collection, The Number of Soldiers five the sum of their Rates is Nine Shilling Five Pence and three Farthing.

Philip Putnam } Selectmen
Nathan Ballards } of Wilton

Wilton March ye 4, 1776.

The following persons names are Included above and the sum of their Poll Tax is one Shilling Teen Pence and Three farthing—

Francis Putnam,	Isrel How	Nuss Sawyer,
John Vernam	Nathaniel Heseltine,	Eben^r^ Carleton,
Christopher Martain,	Jerimiah Holt,	Elezer Kingsbury,
	Jonas Perry,	Daniel Brown,

[Sworn to before Jacob Abbott.—Ed.]

[P. & R. Papers, p. 63] [*Jonathan Gray, Bunker Hill Soldier.*]

To Nicholas Gilman Esqr Receiver General for the Colony of New Hampshire Sir Please to Pay to Jacob Abbott the bearer hereof the sum Due to Jonathan Gray of Wilton who was in the Continental army in Capt William Walkers Comp^y^ and Col^o^ James Reeds Rigement Due to the Said Jonathan Gray for what he Lost in the Engagement at Bunker hill also for a Coat Given as Bounty Reference to Capt Walkers Return being had the said Jonathan Being Sence Dead the care thereof

falls upon the Subscriber being the Father of the Dec^{d} your Complyance will Greatly Oblidge

Wilton March ye 4, 1776. Your Humble Servant
Timothy Gray

1776 March 19 Rec. of Tim^{o} Walker Jr four Dollars for a Regimental Coat for the within named Jon^{a} Grey also Two Pounds L my for the loss which s^{d} Grey sustained at the Battle at Bunker Hill June 1775 Jacob Abbott

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[11-119] [*Petition for Town Representation, 1780.*]

To the Honorable Council & House of Representatives In General Court Assembled—

The Petition, of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants, of the Towns of Lyndeborough, & Wilton, Humbly Sheweth That Wilton, Lyndborough, the one Mile Slip, & Duxbury School farm, by the Convention of this State, in the Year 1775, were annexed to make but one Represantation,—That Sensible of the Importance of General Cause, in which we are engag^{d}, we have hitherto, patiently Submited to the Disadvantages of an Inadequate Representation, rather than Interrupt the Honorable Court by Petitioning for a Redress—But hoping you may have a leisure Moment, that you may improve, in attending to our Situation—We beg leave to lay Before your Honors, the following facts—That in Wilton, there is 154 Rateable Polls, in Lyndsborough 180, and in the one Mile Slip and Duxbury School farm, 19, all which make, 353—That from the North-west part of Lyndsborough, to the South side of the one Mile Slip, (following the most Publick road), is about 19 Miles, and that to every 1000£, Paid by this State, the afore^{sd} Places Pay 17£.. 3.. 11. 2,—And that when the Representative is Chosen in one of the Towns, it is Impossible for the other Town to Vote with propriety in the Choice, Being ignorant of the abilities of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town—add to this, their Ignorance of the Proceedings of the General Court, and consequently of their Political duty. Therefore your Petitioners Humbly Supplicate your Honors to grant to Lyndsborough, & Wilton, the Previledge of a Separate Representation,—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Dated at Wilton Octo^{br} 5th 1780

Jacob Abbot
Eben^{r} Rockwood } Com^{tte} for Wilton
William Abbot Jr

David Bager
Levi Spaulding } Com^{tte} for Lyndsborough
William Barron

[11-122] [*Justice of the Peace wanted, 1783.*]

To the Honble Council and Assembly to be Conven^d^ at Concord—

The Petitition of us the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth That the Town of Wilton hath for some time past been deprived of a Justice of the peace (which we esteam a great priviledge) And at a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town, Voted to recommend William Abbot Junr to your Honors to be appointed to the Office of a Justice of the peace, a Compliance of this our request will greatly Oblige your Humble Petitioners —and as in duty bound Shall ever pray—

Abiel Abbot, Jon^a^ Burton, Abr^m^ Burton } Select Men of Wilton in behalf of said Town—

Wilton December 10th 1783

[11-124] [*Sundry Persons recommended for Field Officers.*]

To His Excellency the President & the Honble Council of the State of New Hampshire—

We the Selectmen of Wilton for the Present Year—beg leave to recomend the following Persons for field Officers of the 12th Regiment of Militia in s^d^ State (Viz)

Capt Philip Putnam of Wilton—for Col^o^
Capt Ezra Towne of New Ipswich for Lt Col^o^
Lt Samuel Gragg of Peterborough for Maj^r^
Mr Abijah Wheeler of Temple—for 2nd Maj^r^

Which we think give as great Satisfaction as any four Men we can think of that will take s^d^ Commissions all things Considered

William Abbot J^r^, Joseph Abbot, John Dale ju^r^ } Select Men of Wilton

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[11-125] [*Vote relative to an Issue of Paper Money, 1786.*]

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilton qualified to vote in Town Meeting, on Thursday 16th of Novr 1786

It was put to Vote to see if the Town would chuse to have paper Money emitted on the plan the Genl Court hath proposed —passed in the negative Unanimously Voters present 47—

Put to Vote to see if the Town would chuse to make any alterations in the proposed plan passd in negative Unanimously Voters present 47—

A true Coppy from the Minutes

Attest William Abbot Jur T : Clerk

[11–126] [*Relative to Militia Affairs, 1786.*]

Wilton June 19th 1786

May it please your Excellency—your letter of ye 17th Instant. was receiv'd by Colo putnam, on which we are meet, & in answer—after Congratulating your Excellency on your arival to the presedency of the State—hopeing beleving & Joyfully relying on your wisdom & Goodness to stear us & Guide us in our Defiqualtys—We say, that we have taken all the Care in our power, to have the Regiment settled—& all the Defiqualty that we Know of was the resolve respecting ye Number, time & our attention, for ye good of ye Melitia hath, so far succeed, that we are now, able to return a respectable Number—for officers & Desier ye Comisns may Com by Colo putnam—& Intreet that the Blanks (if Consistant) may Com for ye remainder—as we hope to make a settlement very soon : unless sum persons return from Court should advance, a New Doctring—we are unable to Determin the No of each Company to day—& beg blank for it—the returns we will Make as soon as posable of those. Not Now returnd—we Intreet your Excellency to beleave us when we say that, under the Defiqualty we have been brought in to by sd resolve : we have Done all in our power to still the Complaint—& rejoice that we have succeeded so well—& remain your Excellencys most obediant & very Humble Servts

Francis Blood
Ezra Towne
Samuel Gregg

N.B—we have Not had one of ye Melitia Book but think we shall in due time—We Desier Colo putnam may make up by writing, or by word of mouth—all we have omitted

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[11–127] [*Relative to School Matters: addressed to the General Court, June, 1788.*]

The Petition of us the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth

That a law of this State entitled an act for the settlement and support of Grammer School obliges every town, of the state,

consisting of a hundred families, to maintain, yearly, a grammar school; and, for every month's neglect, imposes a fine of ten Pounds. That the town of Wilton, several years last past has made peculiar provision for the instruction of its youth. It has employed, from the seat of the muses, several well accomplished young gentlemen, and some aged experienced gentlemen of literary accomplishments for the spase of twenty years last past. And it has expended for a number of years, upon schooling, eighty seven pounds, and some it has assessed more,—at least a sum sufficient to support, here, two grammar schools annually.—

Apprehending the end of law, in general, to be the interest and happiness of its subjects, and the end of the school Law, in particular, to be the good education of youth, we presumed, a compliance with the spirit of this law, would atone for a small deviation from the letter; especially as this deviation has facilitated the progress of our Youth, and gratified the wishes of their parents, and guardians.

The town of Wilton with this view of the matter, and from a view of its local situation; mountainous land, long winters, deep snows, inhabitants scattered, town divided by a rapid stream, rendering a passage to its centre, at some seasons of the year, inconvenient and impracticable; from a view of public expences, the scarcity of specie, the inability of the people to provide necessary schooling in the extreme parts when obliged to support a grammar school in the centre, our annual expence for the support of a number of bridges over rapid streams, building a convenient and decent house for public worship, the charge of which is not entirely settled, the importance of the labour of our youth and of their being instructed in agriculture and the manual arts, Voted, to raise money sufficient to support two grammar schools, to divide the town into as many districts as was convenient, and to appoint Committees in each district to see that the money was faithfully improved in the instruction of their youth. This method of education we have found by many years' experience very beneficial. The state of Learning in Wilton sufficiently evinces the expediency of it.

Notwithstanding, one month preceding the general session of the peace in the County of Hillsborough in september last past, being destitute of a grammar School, the grand Jury found a bill against the select men, and they were accordingly Cited to appear. Though the sessions were convinced that we had adopted a more advantageous method of education, than we should have practised had we adhered to the letter of the law, yet the penalty of that law being absolute, they could not acquit us, or lessen the fine. We therefore pray your honours for leave to bring in a bill acquitting us from the mulct imposed on

us by the general sessions. Apprehending from experience, that the method of education we have adopted might be beneficial to many towns, we beg leave to suggest, without presuming to dictate, and with humble deference to your Honours authority and distinguished abilities, the possibility of advantage to the public by a revisal of the aforsaid law, and as in duty bound will ever pray.—

William Abbot Jr } Select Men
Jonathan Burton } of Wilton

[11–120] [*Statement relative to the Proficiency of the Children of Wilton, 1788.*]

Wilton June 4th 1788—

I am happy in being able to certify that the youth of Wilton are in general very good readers, writers and cypherers. They are farther advanced in Learning than those of most towns in the county, within the compass of my knowledge, who have maintained grammar schools, and inferior to none with which I am acquainted—I believe I might safely affirm that there is no town in the state, of the same ability, that can produce so many youth so well qualified for common business, so well accomplished in all those branches of learning which are essentially useful in every department of Life as can the town of Wilton. Josiah Burge—

[11–121] [*Certificate of Abel Fisk relative to foregoing.*]

Having made it my Annual Practice to call the Youth together in different Parts of the Town to advise and instruct them, I have taken Occasion to examin them in respect to the Improvement they have made in Reading, and have been highly pleased with the great Accuracy and Propriety exhibited in that Branch of Literature—

I have likewise been present at School when the Children have been examined respecting the Names and Uses of those Stops and Characters that are made Use of in the English Language, and they have answered the Questions proposed to Admiration—I have seen their Writing &c—

And it appears to me from the Observations I have made that the People in Wilton have paid a particular Attention to the School-Education of their Children—

Abel Fisk

Wilton June 4th 1788

WINCHESTER.

The township was granted by the government of Mass. to Josiah Willard and 63 others, and went by the name of Arlington until 1740. Settlements were made as early as 1732, by said Willard and others. Feb 29, 1750, Josiah Willard petitioned for a charter from the government of N. H., in answer to which a grant was made, July 2, 1753, to said Willard, Samuel Ashley, and others, and the town named Winchester. On the 26th of the following September the town of Hinsdale was chartered, and the line between that town and Winchester established, which took off the north-west part of this town as chartered in July, and made an addition on the west side as far north as the old line of Northfield. By the grant of July 2, 1753, the northerly part of Winchester extended to Connecticut river, taking in "Col. Hindsdale's Fort." The plan of the two towns in charter records shows the old Northfield line; the location of the fort; and also of Fort Dummer on the west side of the river.

By an act approved July 2, 1850, the north-west corner of Richmond was annexed to this town.

Winchester men in First N. H. Regiment:

John Simons, enlisted Jan. 1, 1777; discharged Dec. 14, 1780.

Abner Wise, enlisted Feb. 14, 1777; discharged July 5, 1781. He was in same regiment in 1782.

Jonathan Wooley was wounded at Stillwater, Oct. 7, 1777, in shoulder and ribs. He was in Capt. Ellis's Co., Scammell's Reg't.

[11–128] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1753.*]

To His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esqr Capt General Governor and Commander in Chief in & over His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire & the Honble His Majesty's Council for said Province—

The Humble Petition of Josiah Willard of Winchester So Called in the Province of New Hampshire but within no Township In behalf of himself and others Settlers there a List of whose names is herewith Presented—Shews

That the Said Settlers have been Improving the Land at the Place aforesaid near Eighteen Years last past & have made

Considerable progress therein Apprehending when they first Enterd the Land was within the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and by Countenance of the Government of that Province they Enterd upon the Lands & Carried on their Settlement So Far as to make a Proportion & Division of Said Lands to & among the Persons aforesaid who have been at very Considerable Expence in making the Said Settlement and Defending of it—

That in order to carrying of it to Greater Perfection & making of it a more useful Place it is Necessary the Settlers & Inhabitants Shoud be Incorporated & vested with the Rights and Privileges of Towns which it is well known is a very necessary Aid & Support of Such a Design—and as the Persons already there have done so much to make it a useful Settlement they Seem to have a Claim to Your Excellency's favour in this Respect preferable to any others—Wherefore your Petitioner Humbly Prays as aforesaid That your Excellency woud be pleased to make a Grant of the Lands Called by the Name Winchester to him & the Persons afores[d] in Proportion & according to their Respective Claims & the Proportion & Division made as aforesaid and That they may be Incorporated & Intitled to the Rights and Privileges of other Towns in Said Province of New Hampshire and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray &c—

Portsmouth June 22[d] 1753 Josiah Willard.

[11-129] [*Relative to Original Grantees, 1753.*]

at a Leagal meeting of the Grantees of the Township of Winchester Held at Winchester on Tuesday y[e] 21 day of August 1753—

voted. that maj[r] Josiah Willard be Desired Carry the Charter of the Township of Winchester Granted us—and Request that Gains Field,—and all others who can make out a fair Claim to any of the Lands Contained In s[d] Charter may have their names entred therein.—

A True Copy from y[e] votes of s[d] meeting

attest Josiah Willard Clerk

Winchester may 28—1759

I hereby Certify that John allen & Thomas Taylor have respectively made out their Claim to Land Contained in the Charter above mentioned & that the Proprietors Desire their Names may be respectively Entred in the Charter afores[d]—

Josiah Willard

[R. 4–191] [*Col. Samuel Ashley's Resignation, 1779.*]

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire—March the 20 1779

The Subscriber haveing been honoured for some time Past with the Command of the Sixth Regiment of militia in this State and at the same time Employed in other Public Services of a Different nature and being of opinion that there is an impropriety in the same persons acting in a Civil and military Character at the same time and being very desirous to be discharged from his military office begs leave and does hereby Resign his Command of said Regiment and hopes his Resignation will be acceptable to your Honours & I am with the greatest respect your most obedient Humble Servant

Samuel Ashley

[His resignation was accepted June 18, 1779. Col. Ashley was a prominent man in his time. He was a representative for some years; elected a member of the council in 1776, and held the office four years. He was elected, March 24, 1779, by the legislature, a delegate to represent this state in Congress, but declined. Subsequently he removed to Claremont, and died there Feb. 18, 1792, at the age of 71 years.—Ed.]

[11–130] [*Relative to an Omission in Returning Soldiers.*]

To the honorable the Council & house of Representatives;

The Memorial of the select men in the Town of Winchester humbly sheweth—

That whereas the Year past the Order of Court was that every Town make return of the continental Soldiers they respectively had in the public Service, that were inlisted during the war—the select men in their return of s^{d} men for the Town of Winchester, made a great Mistake by omitting & therefore not returning two men who are now in actual Service, & engaged during the war, as your Memorialists are able to make appear—Your Memorialists therefore humbly petition that the above mentioned two men may be admitted into s^{d} Return by Order of Court—In so doing your honors will lay a special Obligation upon your Petitioners—

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c—

Winchester 11th March 1782

Reuben Alexander
Ezra Parker
Simon Willard
} select men

[The foregoing petition was granted March 14, 1782.—Ed.]

[11–131] [*Relative to Fish in Ashuelot River, 1784.*]

To the Hon[l] the General Assembly now setting at Conkerd—

The petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Winchester humble Sheweth

that the River Caled Ashewilet formerly produced a large number of Salmon and Shad with a Veriaty of hook fish but of late the Corse of S[d] fish is intirely Stoped by Reson of three Dams a Crost Said River (Viz) one in Hinsdale one in Winchester and one in Swanzey which is a Greate Damage to this and the Neighbouring Towns, and notwithstaning the Repeated Request of the people in this Town to the owners of Said Dams to open a Corse for Said Fish they Still Refuse to Do it which Very much Displeases the people in general and if there is nothing dun to prevent it there is a prospect of the people Rising in a hostile manner and puling Down Said Dams

to prevent which and to Establish a free Corse for Said Fish we beg your Honnours to take this matter under your Wise Consideration and pass Such an act as you in your wisdom Shall think proper

and we in Duty Bound will Ever pray

Simon Willard } Select
John Alexander } men
Paul Richardson
Prentice Willard

Winchester June—1 : 1784

[An act was passed, January 15, 1789, requiring a sluice to be kept open in every dam on said river, in the towns of Hinsdale, Winchester, Swanzey, and Keene, between the tenth day of May and the twentieth day of July in any year.—Ed.]

[11–132] [*Petition of Solomon Willard to be restored to Citizenship: addressed to the General Court, Oct. 19, 1785.*]

Humbly shews Solomon Willard late of Winchester in the County of Cheshire in the State aforesaid, that in the late War between Great Britain and America he was so unfortunate as to differ in Sentiment from his Countrymen in general who

were strugling to gain and support the Independency of the United States—

—that in the Year 1777 he left his native Country—went to Long Island and took Protection under the King of Great Britain—that in the Year 1778 he was proscribed by an Act of the General Assembly in the State of New Hampshire—that during the said War he spent most of his time upon Long Island in a State of Neutrality—that soon after the Conclusion of the said War he returned to Winchester where he found his feeble Parents almost in a helpless Condition, and very fond of his continuing there to assist them in their declining Years—that since his Return he hath spent his time chiefly with them, and is now the principal Supporter of an Aged Father, who has spent most of his Time and Strength in the Service of the Publick—who was one of the first Settlers in the County of Cheshire—and has been perhaps as industrious, influential and successful in settling the Western part of the State of New Hampshire as any person inhabiting the same. And was ever careful to impress upon the Minds of the people a due Regard to the Laws of New Hampshire and to make them happy and contented under the same—That the said proscribing Act, tho' judiciously made in a time of War, cannot be beneficial to the publick in a time of peace. The Design of said Act (as mentioned in the preamble thereof) was to prevent the many Dangers that might accrue to this, and the other united States, if the persons therein named should be again admitted to reside in this State. Had such persons then been permitted to reside in any of the United States, they might have been very detrimental to the same by giving Aid or Intelligence to the Enemies of said States, or by Dispiriting the people; or by sowing Discord and Dissention amonst them. But those Dangers are now removed. The Design of the said Act is accomplished; Your Petitioner conscious of the Rectitude of his Design—relying upon the Goodness of this Honble Court—and hopeing for their Mercy to one who hath offended thro' Sentiment, and not thro' any Design of injuring his Countrymen, and hath now no inclination or ability to hurt them, presumes to lay before you this petition humbly praying that the Act aforesaid so far as it respects your petitioner may be repealed, and your petitioner be permitted to live in the State of New Hampshire, and to enjoy the Rights and Privileges of a free Citizen and subject of the same. And he at the same time promises that if the prayer of this petition should be granted, he will ever behave himSelf as a good and faithful Subject of said State—will observe the Laws and Regulations thereof, and will endeavour to promote the Peace, Happiness and Dignity of the same. And as in Duty bound will ever pray Solomon Willard.

To the Honble Senate and House of Representatives above mentioned—

Humbly Sheweth Josiah Willard of Winchester, Father of the above named Solomon Willard that he the said Josiah heartily joineth with the s^{d} Solomon in the prayer of the above petition, and earnestly prayeth that the same may be granted not only for the Benefit of the s^{d} Solomon but for the Solace and comfort of your aged, feeble petitioner in his declining years and as in Duty bound will ever pray

Josiah Willard

Winchester Octr 19 1785

Whereas Solomon Willard of Winchester prefered a petition to the Honourable Court for Naturalization, we the subscribers Select Men of s^{d} Winchester hereby Certefy Our Consent and desire y^{t} the prayer of the s^{d} petition may be Granted—

John Alexander
Simon Willard

[11–133] [*Relative to Fish in Ashuelot River, 1786.*]

To the Hon^{l} the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire now setting at Conkerd—

The petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Winchester Humbly Sheweth that the River Called Ashawilet Runing Threw said Town formerly produsd a large number of Sammon and Shad with a Vrity of hook fish but of late the Cours of said fish is intirely Stop^{t} by Reson of three Dams a Crost, said Rever—(Viz) one in Hinsdale one in Winchester one in Swazey to the grate Dammig of this and the Neigbouring Towns—we therefore prey your Honors to take this matter under your wise Consideration and pass such an act as shall open said Dams and Restore to us the usual Corse of Fish—

And we in Duty Bound will ever pray

Danil Ashley
Moses Chamberlain } Select men
Asa Alexander

Winchester June 3th 1786

[See document relating to the same subject, *ante*.—Ed.]

[11-134] [*Another Petition relative to Fish, 1788.*]

The petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Winchester Humbely sheweth that the River Called Ashewellet Formely produced a Large Number of Salmon and Shad with a Veriety of Hook fish But the Course of said fish is Intirely stoped by Reason of three Dams a Cross said River in Hindsdale Winchester and Swansy which is To the Grait Damage of the In-Habentants of said Towns—Wherefoure your petitioners pray your Hon^{rs} to take this Matter under your wise Consideration & pass such an Act That shall Open a free Course for said fish that the Inhabetents May Receive the Benefitt of the same and We as In Duty Bound shall ever pray—

Danl Hawkins
Ezra Parker } Selectmen
Asahel Jewell

Winchester May 30–1788

[11-136] [*Petition for Authority to raise Money by Lottery to make new Roads, 1795.*]

To the Honourabel general court of the State of Newhampshire in general court assembled on the First Wednesday of June 1795—

Your Petitioners the Inhabitents of the Towns of Winchester Hinsdale and others humbly sheweth that whare as your petitioners as well as the publick at large, suffers grate Inconveanences for want of a good publick road leading from Co^{l} Whealors in said Hinsdale on the North side of Ashawillot River till it comes oppersett to the furnace in said Winchester and there to cross the River allso a road to begin about one mile East of said Co^{l} Whealers on the same road and Leading in the most convenant place tell it strikes the great road leading from Chesterfield to Northfield about 50—or—60 Rods south of Daniel Fishers in said Hensdale and, Whereas there is no Inhabetants for about Three miles of the Distance partly in Winchester and partly in Hensdale and several bridges to be made acrose small Streams, and one large bridge across Ashuwillot river and much diging on the side of Hills, &c, all which to make a good road, is too hevy a burden on the present Inhabetants to do, and as it will so much accomodate the Inhabitants in general as well as the publick at large by having a good road four or five miles Nerer from Dummer ferry through the south part of this State then any at present.

Your petitioners humbly pray your Honours would take the

matter into your wise considerations and grant us a Lottery to raise three Hundred pounds Lawful Money for the purpose of making said road and bridges and whare as we are very confident that about three quarters of the Tickets may be Sold in in the states of Massachusetts Rhodeisland and Vermont as the road will very much accomodate the Inhabetants of those States, all which is—humbly submitted and in granted of which your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray—

Reuben Alexander
Theodosius Moore
Andrew Dodge
Danl Hawkins
Thomas AlexAnder
Stephen Hawkins
Danl Hawkins Ju^{r}
Nathanael Brown Dodge
Abel oldham
Abel Scott
Nath Bartlet
Thad^{d} Bancraft
Peter Wilder
Abram Scott
John M. Field
Ephraim Leach
Curtis Gould
Asa Alexander
Ezra Healy
Saml Brown
Lewis Watkins
Philip Goss
Elisha Knapp
Jonah French
Reuben Alexander Jr
Ebenr Scott
John Curtis
David Hammond
Moses Chamberlain
John Stearns
Amos Willard
Ezra Conant
John Butler Ju^{r}
William Gould
Mark Packard

John Alexander
Seth Willard
Jacob Martin
Richard Peters
David Cass
Grindell Thayer
Moses Tyler
Abraham wheeler
Nathl Clarke
John Badger
Daniel Shattuck
T L Arnold
Uriel Evans
Nathaniel Fisher
Abner Fisher
John F : Vent
Daniel Fisher Junr
Nath^{ll} Walton
Reuben Clarke
Daniel wise
Elezer Ripley
Ezra Parker
Henry Foster
Nathan Parker
John Peirce
Josiah Willard
Charles Grimes
Thos Green
Jeremiah Pratt
Paul Richardson
Richard Gale
Samuel Dickinson
Edward Battels
Benjamin wright
Stetson Holmes
Benj^{am} Sanger
Nathan Sanger

Cyrus Shattuck
Thomas Butler
William Howe
David Wolley
Saml Wellman
Vine Coy
Thomas Rockwood
Nathan Willard
John Barret
Gord^{n} Chandler
James Salisbury
Isaac Crosby
Elisha Peirce
Imry Evans
Tilley Wilder
Elnathan Allen
Ephr^{m} Holland
Geo. H. Hall
John W. Blake
Samuel wood
John Higons
Nathaniel Ripley
Ephraim Hawkins
Ben^{ja} Easterbrooks
Josiah Allen
William McKinsy
Isaac Crandell
Abiathar Dean
Levi Ripley
Danl Healy
Danl Ripley
Amasa Houghton
Eleasor Lawrance
Eleaser Lawrence Junr
Daniel Ridar
Ezra Parker Junr

WINDHAM.

This town was formerly a part of Londonderry, and was separated from that town by an act of the general assembly, passed Feb. 12, 1741–2, O. S. The first town-meeting was called by Robert Dinsmore, Joseph Waugh, and Robert Thompson, and was held on the eighth of March next following the date of its incorporation. The line between this town and Salem was settled by mutual agreement, and ratified by the governor and council January 9, 1752. This took from Windham that portion of its territory lying southeast of a line drawn through the easterly side of Policy pond, and annexed the same to Salem. By an act passed September 26, 1777, several persons were severed from Londonderry and annexed to this town.

November 26, 1778, the estate of Samuel Clark was also changed from the former to the latter. An act was passed Nov. 22, 1782, changing and establishing the line between this town and Londonderry. By an act approved Dec. 25, 1805, some territory was severed from the latter-named town and annexed to Windham.

Windham men in First N. H. Regiment:

James Brown, enlisted Apr. 1, 1777; discharged Dec., 1780.

Serg. Wm Darrah, enlisted Jan., 1777; discharged 1780.

James Gilmore, enlisted Apr. 25, 1777; discharged Apr. 5, 1780.

Hugh Moore, enlisted Mar. 10, 1781; discharged Dec., 1781.

Joseph Polley, enlisted Apr. 7, 1777; discharged Apr. 10, 1780.

[11–138] [*Relative to Province Taxes, 1743.*]

Province of Newhampshire In the House of Representatives June 23^{d} 1743

Whereas for want of Knowlidge of the True Bounds of the Districts of Methuen & Dracut: how it interfered on the Bounds of Londonderry Township when the act was passed last yeare for Proportioning the Towns & Districts within this Province. The within Persons were Doubly Return'd. vizt By the District of Methuen & Dracut: And by Londonderry: Whereby the within named persons has been Rated for their Province

Tax to Londonderry: & also to Methuen & Dracut District—It being ag^{t} Reason that they Should be Rated to both places—

Voted—That they pay their Respective Rates for the Province Tax for the yeare 1742—to the Constable or Collector of the Parrish of Windham as Rated in Windham: And that the District of Methuen and Dracut be abated the Sum of Nienteen pounds Seven Shillings & four pence part of the Proportion they were to pay for the Province Tax for the yeare 1742—

And what the Collector of the District of Methuen & Dracut has received of the persons within named. Thatt all Such Money So rec^{d} be repaid by S^{d} Collector to the persons from whome ye same was Collected—

And that the Said Sum of Nienteen pounds Seven Shillings & four pence Equall to old Tennor be taken out of the Money put into the Treasury for Contingencies. & to Ly in the Treasury as a Fund to Exch^{a} the old Bills of Credit of this Province in order y^{t} they may be Bro^{t} in & Burnt

James Jeffry Cle^{r} ass^{m}

[Council concurred, and the governor assented to the foregoing.—Ed.]

[11–139] [*Windham Men assessed in the Methuen and Dracut District, 1743.*]

methuen Ju^{n} 6– 1743—

To the honrabell cooart in new hamshar—

wee Reseved your later baring dat the 3 of jun whar in we Ar in for med that mr: samuell Morison of windham has Reeported to the cort that sundry parsons belonging to windham have bin Raeted by the selact man of the destrict of methuen And Draket wee hear by in form the coort that wee have Raated none but what was in cluded in the destrict And in the plan lay^{d} befor his Exelancy but for furder informacion to the cort consarining this mater we have transscrbed out of ouer list those mens names that Ar claimed by wanham with the sum Each man is A sased As folloeth—

	heads	totl
John hall	1	0–15– 5–0
Johnnathan woodbry	1	1– 1– 5–
Robert Elenwood	1	0–18– 0–
John Cofferen	1	0–19– 6–
Samuell Armur	1	1– 3– 1–
hanery sanders	2	2– 8– 4–
oliver sanders	1	1– 2– 0
timothy sanders	1	0–13– 0

william sanders	1	1– 4– 4
Samuell sanders	1	0–13– 0
nathaniell woodbery	1	0–18– 1
John gills	1	0–16– 8
Richerd Engsull	1	1– 0–10
Adward baylee	1	0–16– 9
Ebenezer woodbery	1	1– 3– 9
bendman Corner	1	1– 4–11
John ober	1	1– 6– 8
John ober iu^{nr}	1	0–13– 0
willuam Killeres	1	0–13– 0
		19 .. 7 .. 4

[*Petition for Incorporation.*]

whar As we the selactt men have meet together And Considered the Difficalt cas we laber under of unsateled paster As to our publick Afair not weth standing owr Repeeted pertisions to the cort for in Corporating or imboding of us in to A Society to carry on our publick Afair As the suport of the minestry And other nasory [necessary] Afairs And if those twanty inhabtants be taken from us thair will be but thirty Rasedent in habetance in the destrect of methuen : draket exapted whar As we your humbell protisnors prays that the Englelish in habetance within mancened in the list which Ar All but three—namly coffrian Armer And Killereas may be imboded with us in caring on owr poublack A fir thos being part of the Sosiety hoo Bullt the meting hows And satelled the minister A mung us And Exapt those Remain with us wee Shall be in tierly broken up

Henry sanders, Isaac Clough, Daniell Peaslee } Selact mean of methuen And Dracket

[Incorporated with the Haverhill District into the town of Salem, May 11, 1750.—Ed.]

[11–141] [*Relative to an alleged illegal Election.*]

To the Honble House of Representatives for said Province in General Assembly Convened June ye 6 1768—

The Humble Petition of the Subscribers being Inhabitants and freeholders in Londonderry and Windham in the province

Aforesaid Qualified by Law to Vote in Electing Representatives Most Humbly sheweth—

That the Select-men of Londonderry for the Current Year Gave Your Petitioners but thirteen Days Nottice Before the meeting for the Election of a Representative for said Towns and that the Moderator of said meeting and the select men of Londonderry afores^{d} at said Election did Refuse to permitt some of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Towns to vote in said Election tho qulified by law to vot in said Election, and permitted Other persons to Vote for said purpose who were not Qualified by Law for ye same—

Wherefore your petitioners most Humbly pray that the Representative so Elected may be Dismissed—and that you would Grant us a precept for a new Election and Your petitioners as in Duty Bound shal Ever pray—

Nenian Cochran
Saml morison
John morison
Edward Aiken
Alex^{dr} m^{c}Calester
John Wight
Joseph Willson
James Gregg
John woodburn
Reuben Senter
Willm Butterfield
Joseph Senter
Saml Senter
John Alexander
Willm Alexander
Rob^{rt} mack
Jabez Towns
Elijah Towns
Thos Anderson
George Clarke
John Armstrong
Isaac Cochran
Alexander Wilson
Hugh Brown
John Wilson
Isaac Bruster
Saml Miller
Saml miller Junr
James m^{c}Murphy
John pinkerton
John Duncan
James Taggert
James Campbel
Rob^{rt} mcClure
Willm Ranken
Jonathan Adams
Saml Ranken
Willm Cochran
Peter Cochran
Thos Walker
Rob^{rt} Wallac
James Walac
James Anderson
patrick Douglas
John Hunter
Rob^{rt} moor
Henry Campbel
Joseph Oughterson
Willm Anderson
Thos Taggart
John Walace
Nathl Aiken
Rob^{rt} Adams
James Adams
John Mitchal Junr
Rob^{r} Anderson
Willm Rogers
David Anderson
Mathew Clark
John Alexander
John Aiken
Saml Fisher
Rob^{rt} park
Alex^{dr} park
Rob^{rt} Hopkins
James Gilmore
Alex^{dr} Richy
John morrow
mark Owen
Adam Templeton
Alex^{d} Simpson
John Wilson
John smith
John mills
Willm Gregg
John m^{c}Cay
David Gregg
George Davidson
John Davidson
Hugh Graham
Saml Clark
Saml m^{c}Adams
James Jameson
Willm Jamison
Willm Dinsmore
Rob^{rt} Dinsmore
John Cochran
John Cochran Junr
Thom^{s} Jamison
James Wilson
James Cochran
Robt More
Ramsley Plomer

John Duncan Junr	James Oughterson	James Wilson
John Barnett Junr	David Oughterson	Wil^{m} Smith
John Dickey	Joseph Bell	Saml Grege
Adam Dickey	James m^{c}Corrmick	John Duncan 3^{d}
John Highlands	James Todd	Saml Wilson
Thos Highlands	John Craige	Robert Wilson
Joseph Hogg	Saml Anderson	Rob^{rt} Duncan
William moor	Adam Dickey	Mathew Dickey
John Barnett	John Stewart	James Cochran
Rob^{rt} Barnett	Rob^{rt} Cochran	George Duncan
Willm Duncan	John Tuft	

[In H. of Rep., Feb. 24, 1769, the foregoing petition was dismissed.—Ed.]

[11–142] [*Certificate of Publication of Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1768.*]

Province of Newhampshire—

Windham Augt ye 20th 1768

These may Certifye whom it May Concern that I the Subscriber here of Rec^{d} the Warrant for to Call a Meeting for to Chouse a Representitave for our Last Election on a Monndy or Tuasday the Sabauth following I published the Same and no More for I had not the oppertunity of a Norther Sabauth Befor the Meeting—

John Morison
Constable for Windham

[11–143] [*Samuel Barr's Statement relative to the foregoing named Meeting.*]

Honr^{bl} Sir At our Last Election of a Representative things was Caried on very Strangly for our former Costom was to give three Sabaths Days notice before Election when the Kings writt allowd that time—but in our Last warning, the two first parishes had only one Days warning for it so hapned that ther was a Silent Sabath In Each: and ther was but thirteen Days from the first notice: and time Enoch In the precept Sent us: and windham had but a few Days: as to our Electors they Caried it on so that Savrel voted that had only ther pool Rette: and some had Got Deeds of Small Bitts of Land the night before the Election: praying your Honner Exceus which is from your Honners verey Humbel Sarvent &c

Sam^{ll} Barr

Londonderry october ye 17: 1768

[*Warrant for Town-Meeting, 1768.*]

Provance of Newhampshire—

To Mr Samuell Alleson town Constable

You are hereby Required in his Majestys Name to warn the freeholders of your Respective bounds Duly Qualified to Elect Representitives to Meet at the old Meeting-house on friday the Sixth Day of May next at ten oClock in the fore Noon to act and Vote on the following artickles

1st To Chuse a Moderator to Moderate in sd Meeting—

2ly to Elect one person Quallified by law to Represent the town in Generall Assembly—

and this Shall be your warrant Given under our hands—

Londonderry Datted Aprill 22d 1768—

Edward Aiken
Robt Moore
Gorge Moore
Samll Huston
Peetter Patterson
} Select Men

A true Return of the foregoing warant—

Attest per Mos Barnett Clk

[11–147] [*Constable's Statement.*]

Province of Newhampshire—

Londonderry Octr ye 15th 1768

This may Certify whome it may Concern that I published the warrant the first Sabath After I Recvied it and the nixt Sabath ther was No meeting at our meeting hous and So I Could not put up the warant

pr me Samll Alison Town Constable

[11–148] [*Remonstrance to the Foregoing Petition.*]

Province of New Hampshire—To the Honourable Speaker & Gentn of the Assembly of said Province—

The Petition, of the Select men, & Other, Freeholders, & Inhabitants, of Londonderry, And Windham, in said Province, Legally, Qualified to Vote, in Chusing, Representatives, Humbly Sheweth.—

That the said Selectmen, have been served, with a Copy of a Petition, signed by Robert Wallace, & Others, Complaining of Illegality, in the Choice, of our Representative, & praying, he may be Dismised, &c.—

But your Petitioners, beg leave to inform your Honours, that said Choice, was Regular, fair & Legal, According to the best Of our Knowledge. first the Notification, or Warrant, for Calling said Meeting, was Published, two Publick, days, Agreeable to our Custom, & signed by the Select Men, fifteen days, before the Choice, in Compliance with the Sheriff's, precept, Altho, we are of Opinion, the Law, Does not Require it.

2^{ly} No Legal Voters, were Refused, the privilege, of Voting, only James Cochran June^{r} who Came, as the Select men, had done, telling the Votes, & did not insist on Voting, whose Vote was for the present Representative.—

3^{ly} If any unqualified person, Voted, in said Choice, it is, unknown to us, none Such, were Challenged, at the time of Voting, which Agreeable to the Law (as we understand it) was the time, the Right of any person, to Vote, ought to have been Disputed.—Therefore your Petitioners, pray that said Wallace's Petition, may be Dismised, &c—

September 15th AD 1768.—

Mathew Thornton	James Lyons	Andrew Jack
Stephen Holland	Alexander Craige	John Willson
Moses Barnett	John Montgomery	William Wallace
William Neill	John Raside	James Miltmore
Christopher Eayrs	Robert Wallace	Joseph Cochran
Jonathan Gillmore	John Doack	John Patten
John Brown	George Cochran	
John McCartney	Robert Rogers	

Peter Patterson
George Moore
Robart Moore
Samuel Huston
Edward Aiken
} Selectmen of Londonderry

David Montgomery	John McCurdy	David Taylor
Thomas Creage	Thomas Nesmith	Elias Sergent
David Craige	John Ramsey	Trueworthy Sergent
Daniel McNeill	James Crombie	William Taylor
Alexander Nichols	Robert Hunter	John Humphry
John McKeen	John Carr	Nathaniel Martin
Robert Gillmore	James Stinson	Daniel Chaney
Robert McNeill	Alexander McColom	Jacob Sergent
John Gillmore	Robert McColom	John Taylor
John Mitchell	Samuel Awls	Andrew Clindinin
Arthur Archibald	William Betty	John Vance

James Vance
John Moore
James Cochran
Robert M^{c}farland
Joseph Morison
John Durham
John Cochran
James Doack Junr
John Cate
Thomas Cristy
William Vance
Daniel Runnels
Abraham Reid
James McHard
Moses Senter
John Boyd
Robert Clark
Thomas Dunshee
John McDuffee
Hugh Dunshee
William Patterson
Robert Archibald
Moses Watts
Hugh Moore
James Ramsey
John Crombie Junr
Samuel Alison
Samuel Eayers
William Morrow
James Miller
James Ewins
Samuel Morison
Adam Taylor
William Cunningham
Samuel Gregg Junr
Samuel Morison
James Blair
James Willson
Robert Willson
John Clark
Samuel Clark
Henry Campbell
Hugh Graham Junr
John Wallace
George Reed
John Crombie
James Cochran Junr
Joseph Clyd
Isaac Cochran
Robert montgomery
Hugh montgomery
William Gregg
Robert Thomson
Robert Fulton
James Anderson Ju^{r}
William Boyd
Charles Mellen
Samuel Thompson
John Thompson Junr
William Dickey
Robert Mack Junr
John Rogers
James Patterson
John McAllester
Archibald McAllester
William Eayers
Simeon Morell
David Colbie
John Wiear
William Clindinin
James Humphry
Samuel Taylor
David Clindinin
James McKeen
Elisha Cumings
Ezekiel Grele
John Senter
Levi Andrews
John Marshall
John White
David Peabody
Peter Robison
Sampson Kidder
Simon Bradstreet
Nathaniel Hills
Asa Peabody
Ebenezer Tarbox
Daniel Marshell
William Hord
George Burrows
Richard Marshell
Philip Marshell
David Laurance
Ruben Page
Richard Marshell
Isaac Page
William Waugh
Hugh Clyd
John Clyd
David Gregg
James Bettin
Samuel Eastman
John Davidson
Joseph Smith

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Sign'd Wallace's Petition & Since for Squir Livermore 13

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John Stinson 1

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Samuel Livermore Esq. the Legallity of Whoes Election, was this day to be Disputed, being Necessarily absent the subscriber, on his Behalf prays your, Honours, to Dismise s^{d} Wal-

lace's Petition, or put off the Hearing said Dispute, till Some future day, that Squire Livermore may be present

Mathew Thornton

Octr 20, 1768.

[11–149] [*Several Petitioners recant.*]

Province of New Hampshire—

To the Hon^{l} Speaker & Gentlemen of the Assembly of said Province

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Londonderry in said Province, Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners being misinformed, & over perswaded by Robert Wallace, & some other unquiet persons of this Town, did Sign a Petition to your Honors, Setting forth the Proceedings of the Meeting for the choice of our Representative, were illegal, and praying the Representative so chosen might be Dismissed &c.

But on better information from Gentlemen of known Capacity, & Veracity.—we after Mature Consideration find the said choice was Regular, fair & Legal.

We therefore pray the above said Petition may be dismissed &^{c}, & your Petitioners as in Duty Bound will ever pray &^{c},

September 15th AD 1768

Joseph Hogg	John Willson	Hugh Graham
Saml Rankin	Hugh Brown	Adam Dickey
William Gregg	John Mills	Mark Owen
James Gilmore	John M^{c}kay	
Alaxd^{r} Simpson	George Davidson	

october 20th 1768

A Copy Exam'd per

Saml Hobart Cl P T

Province of New hampshir

these May Sertify to Honorable hous of Representatives that I the Subscribors having Perused the Within Petition and I See my name Sigen therto this is the firs time that aver seedd Such a Petition Nor Signed aney Such Petition as Witness my hand at Windham December ye 21 1768

George Davidson

[11-151] [*Statements of Hugh Graham and others.*]

Province of New hampshire

These May Sertify to the honorable hous of Representatives of Said Province that I the Subscriber Signed a Petition Signed by Capt Robart and others Seting forth that Samuel Livermor Esqr Wase not Legaily Chosen Aas a Representitave at our Last election and Praying that He Might be Dismise: but since being thretned by James Beton to-Sumose Me to Portsmouth and put Me to a Grait Cost I ordred him to Put in my name but I Neve Saw his Petition Nor Did Not know the Import of it Witness My hand at Wind ham December ye 21 1768

Hugh Graham

and the Said Grhams further Declairs y^{t} his sone Hugh Grhams Junr has No Reall Estate in Said town altho he Signed Esquier thorntonns Petition Witnese My hand the Day and year above Mentioned

Hugh Graham

I the Subscriber Do hear Declar that I Can Sertify to all the abov that Hugh Grhams has Signed to but I saw the Petition and for fear of trubel and Cost Signed the Second Petition Signed by Joseph hoge and others

John McCay

Province of New hempshire

this May Sertify to the honorable hous of Representitaves that I the Subscribor by the Means of the threatning of James Beeton to Sumes us to Court if We Would not Sign Esquer thorton and hogs Petitions the Which We Did but being Showed the Copey of Said Petitions atested by the Clerk of the asmbley and We find them Not agriable to the origonall that We Signed therfor We Beg that the Prayer of Robart Wallace Petition may be Granted & the other Dismised Witness our hand at

Windham December ye 21 1768

Willm Gregg
David Gregg

Province of New hempshire

these May Sertify to the Honarable hous of Reprsentatives of Said Province that I signed a Petition to Said hous Which I thought Was Wallaces Petitition. Not knowing that ther Was aney other Petition Caring about But Since I am Informed that it Wase Esquier thortons Petitition Which I Never Intend to

Sign therfor I Beg that the Prayer Said Wallaces Petition May be Granted and the other Desmised

Dated Londonderry December ye 22 1768

Samuel gregg Junier

[11-152] [*Relative to an Astronomical Instrument.*]

Portsmouth New Hampshire 8th May 1773.

Whereas Mr John Tufft of Windham in the Province of New Hampshire has for some time past applied himself, in forming an Astronomical instrument, which may prove useful in Navigation if perfected: We the Subscribers, being desirous to aid & encourage every effort of laudable ingenuity, do freely give to the said John Tufft the respective Sums we hereunto subscribe, to enable him to proceed in his invention

J Wentworth Ten dollars—paid

[11-155] [*Letter from James Betton, 1776.*]

Windham July 9th 1776

Honr^d^ Sir

By these I would inform you that I am this Day Returned from Albany I left my house at Windham the 24th of June and we arrived at Albany the 30th on the first of July we Delivered the money to the Pay-master General by Genl Skylers Order we thought that the money might not be wanted as our army was Returned to Ticonderoga and mentioned it to Genl Skyler he told us the money was Due at Canada—

We hired two men to go with us as a guard the sum we paid was £1147,, 1, 0 for Which we took Duplicate Receipt: affirs at Albany Carry a Dark aspect the people seem Discouraged we was Informed that there was a fleet at New-york Consisting of one hundred and twenty Sail and that our army was got Back to Ticonderoga

The Inhabitants of Otter-Creek and Onion River leaving their Settle-ments time only can Discover the Events—

I am Sir with all Due Respect yours to Serve

James Betton

P S Mr Giles have a letter from Genl Schuyler to you

[11–156] [*Instructions to James Betton, Commissioner to Congress, the Army, etc., 1776.*]

The Committee appointed to report a Draught for Instructions to James Betton Esqr to regulate his Conduct in Executing his Mission from this State to Philadelphia—Beg to lay the following before the Court for their Approbation—

To James Betton Esqr Pursuant to the Vote of General Assembly of the 26th Inst You are to proceed on your Journey, taking with you some trusty person as an Assistant. as you go forward you are to call on the Committee for detecting & defeating conspiracies against the States appointed by N York Convention & deliver the Letter directed to them & Desire them to forward Money to Support their prisoners here—Then endeavour to find the Col^{ols} Stark, Poor, and Scammil, and know of them what Money they have drawn from Continental paymasters to recruit their Regiments, and urge it on them to procure the Money from Said Paymasters or Congress sufficient for the Afores^{d} purpose, as soon as the Service will permit them, & repair to this State to raise their Regiments—And if such Difficulties should Arise as to convince you that they cannot Effect the Business that then you apply for the Money as directed by the Vote, Otherwise not.

The Money you are to Solicit for procuring Cloathing has been requested from Congress by the Committee of Safety in their Letter of the 14th Inst which may be rec^{d} by Congress before your Arrival which money You will endeavour to procure & bring forward—The Money you are directed by said Vote to request as part of the Balance due from the Continent to this State. You are Instructed to Inform the Congress, or our Delegates there, that the Depreciation of paper Bills is so Great that this State find it Necessary to desist from Emiting any more, and have not Money in the Treasury to carry on the Important demands for the Soldiery &c—That the Continual and very Interesting Matters relative to prosecuting the War has commanded the Attention of this Legislature so far as to hinder the Necessary Examination into the Accounts of the Several Persons Entrusted with the publick Money Sufficient to Close the Account and send forward to Congress for their Allowance. But expect soon to be able to compleat & Transmit the same—After you have compleated your Business with the Congress you are to Consult with our Delegates on the Most safe & convenient Method of proceeding back—and return as soon as your Business, and the Circumstances of travelling will Admit hereof— Geo : King Chairman

In the House of Representatives Decr. 27, 1776. The above Instructions being read & Considered Voted that the same be

Transcribed & and Delivered to James Betton Esqr: as orders to him from this house

Sent up for concurrence John Langdon Speaker

In Council Eodem Die read & concurred

E Thompson Secy

[11-157] [*Petition for a Lottery, 1777.*]

To the Honorable Assembly of the State of New Hampshire

The Petition of us the Subscribers, Humbly Sheweth That Whereas the Town of Windham, or at Least a Great Part of the Inhabitants of it, are under the Disadvantage of Going to mill within the Bounds of Pelham, and for want of a Bridge over the Stream Near Said mill, which is Called Butlers mill, they (after Getting within 40 Rods of S^{d} mill) are obliged to Go Round a full mile, which is a Great Trouble to S^{d} Inhabitants, and many Travellers Likewise are under the Same Disadvantage on the Same account and it is a Rode that is used by the Inhabitants of a Place Call^{d} LondonDerry Claim, Litchfield, Part of Nottingham west & Part of Pelham, & also by People Travelling into the upper Towns (as Amherst, Hillsborough, Society Land), &c.—

it is thought that a Good Bridge would Cost 280 Dollars or more; and as the Town of Pelham is Remarkably Embarrassed with Bridges already, having no Less than five Large ones over S^{d} Stream or River, and Several over a brook Call'd Golden Brook, which are Exceeding Costly to keep them in Repair by Reason of a Quick Rise of S^{d} Streams, and moving of the Ice —and it is Look^{d} upon to be a hardship for the Town of Pelham to Build a Bridge in S^{d} Place—Therefore we your Petitioners have Thought Proper to ask Leave of this Honble Court to form a Lottery Sufficient to Build a Bridge as afores^{d}—This is therefore to Pray your Honours to Give Liberty for the Same, which if you Do, your Honours may Depend upon it, that it Shall be Carried on faithfully without fraud or Deceit for the Public Good, for which Purpose we Desire that m^{r} Nehemiah Hadley of Windham & m^{r} James Gibson of Pelham be the Persons appointed to Carry on S^{d} Lottery if Granted, &c. and in Gratifying your Petitioners in Granting the above Request, you will not only oblige them But will Greatly Promote the Public^{s} Benefit—&c—

and as we are in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Windham March ye 6th 1777—

John Mussey
Samuel Butler
Caleb Butler
David Cumings
John Strickland
Samuel Wason
Stephen Lowell
Joseph Lowell
Timothy Lowell
Stephen Lowel juner
Benjamin Kidder
Edmund Hardy jun^{r}
Daniel Wyman
Ebenezer Richardson
Alexander graham
James Caldwell Ju
Seth Wyman
Joseph Baldwin
Asa Baldwin
Josiah Burroughs
Henry Campbell
William Burns
Stephen Hadley
Asa Davis
David Glover
Thomas Sarls
Thomas marsh
Thos Wason
Jeremiah Hills
Samuel Caldwell
Saml French
Thomas Caldwell
Joseph Caldwell
James Wason
Jno Caldwell
John Hale
Levi Dakin
Seth Hadley
George Burns
Moses Hadley
Page Smith
Joseph Greele
Jeremiah Blodget
John Gibson

William Shed
James Barnard
David Larrance
Juner
Zaccheus Grele
Daniel Hutcherson
Samuel Hutcherson
Amos Johnson
Samson Kidder
Stephen Kenney
Sanders Bradbury
Saml Greele Ju^{r}
Peter Cross
Samuel Greele Ju^{r}
Asa Hardy
Edmund Hardy
Cyrus Hardy
Wm Johnson
Nehem^{h} Butler
Simeon Barret
Gideon Butler
Samuel Haywood
George Davidson Ju^{r}
Timo^{y} Smith
Abel Gage
John Haseltine Junr
Josiah Johnson
Thaddeus Butler
Jesse Butler
George Davidson
David Davidson
Danl M^{c}ilvaine
Aron wyman
Jesse wyman
Joseph buttler
Alex^{dr} Gregg
Amos Kenney
Willm Gregg
Alex^{dr} Wilson
James Wilson
Samuel Wilson
Willm Gregg Jun
Amos merrill
Henry Campbel

David Gregg Junr
John anderson
William McCay
George Williams
David Gregg
Peter Merrill
Sam^{ll} Morison
William Smith J^{r}
William Simson
James Jameson
James Campbell
Ephraim kyle
Robert Hemphill
Daniel Clyd
James Davidson
John Cochran Ju^{nr}
John Dinsmoor
John Wilson
Alex^{dr} McCay
Thomas Gregg
Thos Wilson
David Lawrance
Alex^{dr} Simpson
James Willson
Peter Merrill Ju^{r}
David Currier
Daniel M^{c}ilvaine Junr
William M^{c}ilvaine
Joseph Smith
Jonas Richardson
Thomas McCay
Henry Henry
Benjamin Melven
Jon^{a} Bradley
Jonathan Laurance
moses Barrett
Daniel Marshall
John Davidson
David Butler
Henry Campbell
Alex^{dr} Boyd
Hugh Graham
Nathaniel merrel

The Whole 130 Signers

[11–160] [*Relative to a disputed Line between this Town and Salem, 1782.*]

These may Certify whom it may Concern that We the Subscribers were Sellect-men for the Town of Windham in the year 1781 Whereas there was a petition prefered to the then Gen[l] Assembly of the State of Newhampshire by the Sellectmen of Lond[ry] in Said State Setting forth that by the Act for Incorporating Said Windham into a parish it included a Certain Peice of Land which Ought not to be included in the same and Wheras the Hon[bl] Court Did Recomend it to the Sellectmen of the aforesaid Towns to Settle the matter: In Consequence of Said Recommendation we the Sellectmen of Said Windham Did meet with the Sellectmen of Londonderry aforesaid and made a Verbal agreement Concerning the Same Witness our hands

Oct[br] 22[d], 1782.

Alex[r] Wilson } Select
Ja[s] Gilmore } Men

[11–162] [*Remonstrance against taking the Oath of Allegiance, 1782.*]

State of New Hampshire, Rockingham ss

To the Hon[ble] the Gen[l] Assembly of the said State—

The pettition of the subscribers Inhabitants of Windham in Said State Humbly sheweth

That Whereas the Hon[bl] Court in their session in June Last, Did pass an Act, requiring the Male poles from twenty one years and upwards, to take an Oath of Alligance to this state, and upon refusal to Be Deprived of the right of Voteing in Town meeting. we your petitioners Beg leave to Observe, that we have Done our Equal proportion with the Other towns in this state towards the Defence of our rights and Liberties; and however an Oath of Aligance may be proper, yet we further beg leave to Observe, that the Oath refered to, are filled with Ambigious terms, that we Do not fully understand, also that the penalty for refusal is too high: There is at Least four fifths of this town that do not see their way Clear at present to take said Oath.

We therefore pray that the Hon[bl] Court may repeal that part of said Act respecting the penalty or at least suspend the Act for such a time, as the Hon[bl] Court may think fit: We Likewise understand, that there is some Evil minded persons in this

state, that are in A tumultious manner, Going about to Alionate the minds of the good people of this state, against the Government of the same, more Especially against the Hon^{bl} Court, under Varies false pretences; We therefore further pray, your Hon^{rs} to take such measures, to surpress the spirit of Anarchy, and Confusion, that seem to prevail, and as in Duty bound shall pray &c.

December 16th 1782

Saml McAdam	Samuel Clyde	Henry Cam^{l}
Hugh Clyde	John Clyde	Amos Merrill
Petter Merrill	Daniel Clyd	John Wilson
Henry Campbell	James Wilson	John Karr

to lay

[R. 4–192] [*Windham Soldiers, 1777.*]

Windham, May 8th 1777

their is Enlisted out of Windham

William Darough Robert Stuart in the Continential Armey to serve for the Term of 3 years—Enlisted with Leut Chirey

John Job Nich^{s} Vickstrem

Enlisted with Lev^{t} Senter—James Gilmore James Wilson James Brown Joseph Polley

Enlisted with Lev^{t} Thos Hardy—James Easman

Enlisted with Lev^{t} Senter—Jacob Hardy

James Gilmore Capt

[R. 4–193] [*Windham Soldiers, 1778.*]

Exeter aprel 17th 1778

This Day Received of James Batten [Betton] Esqr of Wendham fore hundred pounds Lawful money in full for fore Solgers that I hired to serve in the Contenental Servis for three years and march^{t} For head Quarters with Co^{l} Dearborn the mens Names are as Follows

Etinns auberts, Gawrette antoine, Jacques honores and Bradhebury Cabny these are to sarve for the town of Wendham in this state— Saml Folsom

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[R. 4–194]

Certificate for David Campbell—Windham man

Highlands December the 6 1780 this is to Certify the state of New hampshire that David Campbell has not Received any

wages nor sauce money* nor any thing out of Continental nor State stors dureing the time he was in the Servise

Ebenr Frye Capt

[R. 4–185] [*John Simson, Bunker Hill Soldier.*]

To the Honbl the Council and House of Representatives for the State of New hampshire in General Court assembled now sitting at Exeter in said State

The petition of John Simson Humbly sheweth that your petitioner was a soldier in Capt Elisha Woodberys Company and Colo John Starks Regiment in the year 1775 and being in the Battle at Bunkers Hill on the 17th of June had the Misfortune to have part of his hand shot away by a Cannon Ball which renders your petitioner in some Measure unable to get a living by labor; and as he humbly Concives his case comes under the Resolve of the Continental Congress wherein provision is made for wounded soldiers &c—He therefore prays your Honrs to take his Case under your consideration and grant him such releive as you in your great wisdom shall think fit and your petitioner as in duty Bound shall ever pray

John Simson

Dated Windham March 8th 1779

[He was placed on the half-pay roll for three years. He petitioned in 1783 asking to be continued on the list "of half-pay pensioners;" and again in 1784, when his name was ordered to be placed on the roll, pay to commence at the time his half-pay ceased.—Ed.]

[*Dr. Thom's Certificate relative to John Simson.*]

To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire—

This may Certify that the bearer hereof John Simson of Windham had the Misfortune June 17th 1775 to Loose two of his fingers & part of his hand in the Battle on Bunkers Hill by a shot from the Enemy & was attended for the same wound by

Isaac Thom Surgeon

Windham 10th March 1779—

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*Money furnished soldiers in some cases to purchase vegetables from inhabitants dwelling on their line of march.—Ed.

[R. 4–188] [*James Wilson, Soldier.*]

State of Newhampshire } To all whom these presents
Rockingham ss } shall come—

This may Certifie whom it may concern that Thomas Willson and Grizel Simpson his sister are the only heirs now living to James Willson late of Windham deceased who served in the Continental Army the term of three Years (Viz) 1778 1779 1780

Given under our hands at Windham aforesaid this 27th day of Feb 1793—

John Anderson }
Saml Morison } Select Men
Willm Gregg }

[R. 4–189]

[In a petition dated Windham, June 4, 1794, David Gregg of that town stated that he "served in the Capacity of a Captain in Defence of his Contrey in the year 1758." He asked for a grant of land by virtue of the proclamation of the king, of October 7, 1763, which proclamation directed that grants be made to all reduced officers of the French war.—Ed.]

[11–163] [*Petition to have the Town enlarged: addressed to the General Court, 1782.*]

The Remonstrance and petition of us the subscribers sellectmen of Windham in Said State Humbly Sheweth—that Whereas the Sellectmen of Londry did petition the Honble Court at their last session—setting forth that there is a Certain strip of land Included in the Bounds of said Windham which ought not to be in said Bounds we humbly beg leave to inform your Honrs that the Town of Londonderry did vote that a parish should be set off in the Bounds of the southerly side of said Town with Certain limits without any Reservation which limits was meant to Comprehend one third part of the Town of Londry aforesaid Notwithstanding said Windham do not comprehend more than one fifth part of said Township of Londonderry and the soil Exceeding poor—

We further beg leave to Observe to your Honrs that it gives us pain to trouble the Honbl Court with such matters but the court will please to Observe that it is not our Motion: the sellectmen

of Londonderry for the year 1781 or reather one Mr Paul under their signiture did prefer a petition to the then Genl Court praying that the above said strip of Land might be disanexed from Windham and anexed to Londery the Honbl Court after considering the purport of said petition recomended it to both Towns to sittle the matter: agreeable to said recomendation the sellectmen of Windham did meet with the sellectmen of Londondery and made a Verbal agreement: The agreement was that the said Town of Windham was not to tax said Mr Paul and Londonderry was not to tax certain Land that lay over the line we Expected the matter was wholly settled: but to our surprise we were served with a Copy of a new petition and order of Court: we the sellect men of said Windham Humbl pray your Honrs to take the Matter under your wise Consideration and enlarge our Bounds half a mile to the northward of the east and west Line discribed in the Act of our Incorporation that is Extending half a mile to the North and runing East from Beaver Brook so Called to the Easterly line of said Londry &c &c and your petitioners as in duty Bound shall pray

Windham Novbr 4th 1782

Alexr Wilson, Jas Gilmore, Nathll Henry } Sellectmen of Windham

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[11–164] [*Instructions to Representative to oppose paying Officers after the Close of the War, 1783.*]

Wheras we the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to consider of the third Article in a warning for a Meeting held in the Town of Windham on the 25th of August 1783 (viz) to consider of the propriety of allowing the Officers in the Continental Army five years pay after the Conclusion of the War we the said Committee beg leave to Report as our Oppinion that our Representative be Instructed to move at the next session of the Genl Assemly of this state that a remonstrance be sent by said court to the Continental Congress against the Resolve passed in said Congress that the Officers in the Continental army have five years pay after the conclusion of the war—

And we your constituants further Instruct you that in case the foregoing Motion is Overruled that you enter your Protest against the said Measure. As we Judge the same to be Oppressive and unjust—

Saml Campbell for the Committee

Windham September 12th 1783

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Windham Being mete at the adjournment of the aforesaid Meeting taking the

Report of the aforesaid Committee into consideration Unanimously Votted that the same is their oppinion and that our Representative conduct himself accordingly—

A true Coppy, attest John Morison town Clerk

[11–165] [*Vote relative to Eighth Article of Confederation, 1783.*]

Whereas at a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Windham held on the 25th day of August Instant Voted to Choose A Committee to consider of the second Article in the warning for sd Metting—

Agreable to said Vote we the said Committee have meet to consider of the second Article in said warning (Viz) the Altiration of the Eighth Article of Confederation and in Lue thereof to substitute the number of souls—

We the said Committee beg leave to Report as our oppinion that the said Eighth Article of Confederation be Altered and in Liu thereof to substitute the number of souls as recomended by the Continental Congress

Saml Campbel for the Commitee

Windham September 12th 1783

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Windham Being mete at the adjournment of the aforesaid meeting, taking the Report of the aforesaid Committee into consideration Unanimously Votted that the same is their oppinion and that this Copy be Sent to the Court

John Morison town Clerk

A true Coppy attest

[11–167] [*Petition for Authority to elect a Representative: addressed to the General Court, 1784.*]

The Humble petition of the subscribers Inhabitants of Windham in Said State Humbly Sheweth

That said Town not having the number of poles reqired by the new Constitution to intitle the same To Send one representative to the Genl Assembly of Said State and not being convenient to Class with any other Town whatever: Therefore agreeable to A proviso in the Said new Constitution in that case Provided we your petitioners pray that the Honbl Court may issue a writ for our Electing and Sending a Representative to the Genl Court and as in Duty Bound Shall pray &c

Dated at Windham Febry 27th 1784

Robert Burk
James Betton
Alex^{dr} Wilson
Ja^{s} Gilmore
Nath^{ll} Hemphil
David Gregg Jr
John Morison
Alex^{dr} Simson
Petter Merril
John Cochran
John Dinsmoor
Gain Armour
John Simpson
Benj^{m} Thom
John Anderson
Henry Cam^{l} jun^{r}
Decon Sam^{ll} Campbell
Willm Gregg Jur
Willm Gregg
Samuel Morison
Robart Stewart
Joseph Clyde
Daniel Clyde
Henry Campbell
Hugh Graham Jr
Robert Morison
John Davidson Ju^{r}
Moses Cristy
Daniel M^{c}alvain Juner
Samuel M^{c}adams Junr
Robert Hemphill
James Cochran
Eliphalet Ladd
James Davidson
Alex^{dr} Morrow
James M^{c}ilvane
John Gregg
Job Pingry
Hugh Clyde
James Wilson
David Currier
James Dinsmoor
William Davidson
Ebneser Hall
Jesse Davidson
John Wilson
John Clyd
Alexander Park
thomas Wilson
John Davidson
Robert Dinsmoor Jn^{r}
Sam^{ll} Clyd
Allex^{dr} McCay
Philip Hesletine
Robert Smith
John Campbell
Jonathan Thomson
William McCay
Samuel Wilson
Peter Merrill J^{r}
Robt M^{c}ilvaine
John McKeen
Abner Foster
Abraham Reid
matthew Reid
Alex^{r} Park
Thomes Jameson
Asa haseltine
Samuel Smith
Robt Dinsmoor
George Davidson
George Davidson Jur
David Gregg
David Armstrong
William Dickey
Robert Speer
James Eastman
Abner Campbell
Joseph Smith
Willm Shedd
Willm Thom
John Armour
Se^{n} Armour
David Hobkens
Willm Dinsmor

[In H. of Rep., Mar. 31, 1784, the foregoing request was granted. Council concurred.—Ed.]

[11–168] [*More effective Sunday Laws wanted: addressed to the General Court, Oct. 20, 1784.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Windham Humbly Sheweth That it appears to us that the Lords Day is very much prophaned by persons traveling with and without Loads which is a sin henious in the Sight of the Supreme Being we wish to look up to you as our Policitacel fathers to make Such Laws for punishing Such Crimes—

And Wheras the Law now in force for the Observation of the Lords Day are insufficient to answer the purpose intend:

in the first place it is not so Explicit as it ought to be: and the fines are not high enough: in that Law refered to it mentions "to restrain untill he pays his Said fine" Wheras we think the offender ought not to have Leave to proceed untill the Sabath is over: we also think there is not Officers Enough to Execute the Said Law—We your petitioners Humbly pray your Excellency and Hon^{rs} to take the Subject Matter of Our petition under your wise & Serious Consideration and pass Such Laws as may answer the Salutary purpose proposed and as in Duty bound Shall pray

Windham Oct^{br} 20th James Betton by order of the Selectmen of Windham

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[11–170] [*James Betton recommended for a Magistrate.*]

State of New Hampshire—Rockingham ss—

To his Excellency the President of said State with the Honble the Privy Council Convened—

The Humble petition of us the Subscribers of Windham, in Said County Sheweth that whereas by our new Constitution, we understand that all Commissiones both Civil & Military are Vacated and A New Arrangement is to take place we your Petitioners in Behalf of Said town Humbly pray Your Excellency and Hon^{rs} to enrole James Betton Esqr to Continue as A Justice of the peace for Said County and town as he has Given General Satisfaction in Said Office as in Duty bound Shall pray

Dated Windham Decr 24th 1784

David Johnson
Willm Shed
Alex^{r} Simpson
Henry Campbell Juner
John Clyd
John Gregg
Thos Templeton
Sam^{ll} Clark
John Anderson
Ja^{s} Davidson
Jno Davidson
Jno Davidson Juner
Willm Davidson
Gorge Davidson Juner
Robert Hemphill
Mathew Reid
Caleb Balch
David Nevens
Dea^{n} Robert Park
Thos Dougless
Willm Rogers
Sam^{ll} Simpson
John Rollings
David Rollings
John Corning
Hugh Campbell
Abra^{m} Reed
Joseph Hull
David Merrell
John Merrell
Ja^{s} Cochran
John Templeton
John Cochran
Alex^{r} Park
Sam^{ll} Morison
John Morison
Alex^{er} Morrow
Andrew Park
Eliph^{t} Ladd
Philip Haseltine
Moses Cristy
Jonathan Thompson
Alex^{er} Grimes
John Grimes
Josiah Gage
Dea^{n} Gawin Armour

David Campbell	Asa Haseltine	Capt Joseph Clyd
Henry Campbell	Thos Jameson	Abner Foster
Alex^{r} McCay	John Smith	Robert Smith
Willm Gregg Juner	John Simpson	Willm Dinsmoor
John Campbell	David Hopkens	Joseph Smith
Job Pingry	Ja^{s} Gilmore	Nath^{ll} Hemphill
Thos Wilson	John Dinsmoor	David Gregg
David Armstrong	Sam^{ll} McAdams Ju	Robert Stewart
John Armstrong	Ja^{s} Sanders	Robert Dinsmoor J^{r}
Doc^{r} John Armstrong	Thos Acheson	George Kezer
	Stephen Pingry	Willm Thom
Capt Asa Senter	Sam^{ll} Ayer	Benjn Thom
Robert Dinsmoor	Sam^{ll} McAdams	Hugh Montgomery

A true Copy from the other petitions

[James Betton was appointed.—Ed.]

[11–171] [*More Complaint concerning Sunday Laws: addressed to the General Court, 1788.*]

The Humble petition of us the Subscribers Sheweth

That whereas an Act intitled an Act for the better Observation and keeping the Lords Day passed June 23^{d} 1785 proves insufficient to answer the Valuable purpose thereby intended: Your petitioners Humbly Concive that the true intent and meaning of Said Act is that every person or persons whatsoever. Do Carefully apply themselves to the Duties of Religion & piety Publickly & Privatly on that Day: but we find by Daily Experience that the Contrary is often practised: we See persons boldly Driving their Loaded Teams and also Horses Loaded with goods on that Day: and by reason of some Inconsistances in Said Act (as we Concive) it cannot (or reather is not) Carried into Execution: We Humbly Beg leave to point out to the Hon^{bl} Court those parts of Said Act that we think Ought to be ammended and first it is the Duty of every Sheriff Coroner Tythingman Constable & Sellect man to inform of all the Breaches of Said Act and we Humbly think that they are Oblidged to Do it by their Oath & office: but in Case Either of Said Officers Do Complain to any Justice of the peace for the Breach of Said Act and Prossess is Issued against the Supposed offender and he Brought to Tryal and found Guilty and he appeals to the next General Sissions of the peace & if he is there aquited the Complainant or informer (Notwithstanding his Oath & office) must pay all Cost one other part of Said Ack we Humbly think ought to be ammended that is in Case

any supposed Offender lives in any other County in this State and either of Said Officers Returns the persons name to a justice of the peace the Justice is Authorised to Direct his warrant to the Sheriff of any County in this State or his Deputy for apprehending and Bringing before him any person or persons Offending as aforesaid: but the Sheriff is not Oblidged to Execute Said Warrant untill his fees is paid or is tendered to him: and in Case the person so offending is aquited at the General Sessions of the peace the person who pays the sheriff his fees must Loose it: and also the person who Complains must pay all other Costs: We your Humble petitioners beg the Hon^bl Court to take this Matter under your wise Consideration & pass an Additional Act to ammend the above Resited Paragraphs or otherwise Repeal the Said Act and pass another in liew thereof & your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall pray

December 17th 1788

Sam^ll Cochran Junr	Sam^ll Cochran	George Russell
John Betton	James Wallace	John Pinkerton
Peter Dustin	James Betton	Daniel Davis
Robt Dinsmoor	Thomes Patterson	James Aiken
Alexander M Cay	Joseph Morison	John Ewins
Alexander Park	James Dinsmoor	Robert MacMurphy

[11–172] [*Location of the Meeting-House complained of: addressed to the General Court, 1791.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers Inhabitents of windham in Said State Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioners Labour under Great Deficulty with Respect to the unjust Situation of the Meeting house in Said town—we beg leave to Inform the Hon^bl Court that your petitioners was Much Discontent with The Situation of Said Meeting house when it was Built and Since that time the Bounds of Said Town are Much Altered their being three thousand Seven hundred Acres of land, set off to Salem so that the Meeting house Stands Near six Miles from the North-west Part of Said town and about one Mile from the Southeast part; Wherefore Your petitioners Humbly pray the Hon^bl Court to appoint a Commitee to View the premises And Consider the Situation of Said Meeting-house and make Report to this Hon^bl Court as the Matter May appear to them and that the Said Commitee May be paid at the Expence of the town—And Your petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall ever pray—

Dated at windham March ye 26th 1791—

Will[m] Davidson
John Davidson
Ja[s] Davidson
George Davidson Ju[r]
George Davidson
Richard Estman
Will[m] Shed
Will[m] M[c]Cay
David Gregg
Daniel Gregg
David Gregg Ju[r]
Mathew Clark
John Karr
Henry Campbell Ju[r]
Isaac Campbell
Amos Merrill
John Campbell Ju[r]
Abnor Campbell
John Anderson
Tho[s] Davidson
Henry Campbell
Ja[s] Moor
Will[m] Moor
Daniel Anderson
Nath[l] Martine
John Ray
James Clark
John Armstrong
David Armstrong
Sam[l] Clark
David Gregg 3[d]
Will[m] Gregg Ju[r]
Will[m] Gregg
Sam[l] Campbell
Alex[r] M[c]Cay
Hugh Wilson
David Campbell
Rob[t] Clark
James Anderson
Sam[l] Anderson
James Clark Ju[r]
John Clyd Ju[r]
Joseph Clyd
Joseph Clyd Ju[r]
Daniel Clyd
Peter Merrill
Timothy Merrill
Bayley Merrill
John Montgomery
Hugh Clyd
John Clyd
John Davidson Ju[r]
Rob[t] Hemphill
John Hemphill

[11–174] [*James Betton's Account of Travelling Expenses while on a Journey to Baltimore after Money for the use of this State, 1777.*]

An Account of the Expences on the Journey to Baltimore in Maryland with the Distance from place to place

Distance	Tavernkeepers names or Towns—	Expences
26 miles	from Exeter To my house—	£0,, 5,, 4
To Dunstable 12 miles	Esq[r] Lovells—	0,, 0,, 8
8 miles	to Woods in Grotten Lodging—	0,, 5,, 0
5	to Chiles gotten Breakfast—	0,, 2,, 8
6	to Hartford—	0,, 1,, 10
4	to Athertons Lanchaster—	0,, 1,, 1
7	to Whites in Ditto—	0,, 2,, 4
8	to Beamans in Shrewsbury Lodging—	0,, 6,, 2
8	to Starns in Wooster—	0,, 4,, 1
8	to Lowtroops in Lister Dinner—	0,, 2,, 8
5	to Weights in Spencer—	0,, 1,, 2
4	to Hichcocks Brookfield Lodging—	0,, 6,, 10
5	to Cuttlers in Westerly—	0,, 2,, 8
10	to Greaves in Palmer—	0,, 1,, 0
6½	to Warners in Welbrham—	0,, 2,, 0
12	to Kingsbury Enfield—	
1½	to Granges Suffield Connecticut—	0,, 6,, 11

3	to Kents in Suffield—	0,,	2,,	8
	Blacksmiths Charge—	0,,	3,,	4
6	to Oakhams in Simsburry—	0,,	0,,	11
7	to Phelps in Ditto—	0,,	2,,	6
7	to Humpreys in Ditto—	0,,	0,,	6
8	to Yeals in farmigton—	0,,	4,,	10
4½	to Phillips in herrington—	0,,	2,,	0
6	to Litchfield Doltens—	0,,	2,,	0
12	to CogsDales New Milford—	0,,	2,,	8
11	to Beaches at Bulls Iron works—	0,,	9,,	0
10	to Haldes in Dover—	0,,	1,,	4
10	to Deenes—	0,,	3,,	6
10	to Capt Griffens fish kills—	0,,	8,,	4
4	to fish kills—	0,,	2,,	11
9	to Warrens in the Highlands—	0,,	3,,	6
13	to Lunts Peekskill—	0,,	7,,	6
5	to Kingsferry Shoeing and Breakfast—	0,,	6,,	6
4	to Haverstraw—	0,,	2,,	4
7	to Keakeat Dutch mans—	0,,	3,,	11
7	to Soverens at Rampock—	0,,	1,,	0
	paid for Buck Wheat and corn—	0,,	1,,	11
10	to Garrisons in Pumpton—	0,,	2,,	0
15	to Conick to Mandivels—	0,,	4,,	0
12	to Moristown—	0,,	3,,	0
1½	to Prudents in Ditto—	0,,	6,,	9
8	to Vealtown—	0,,	3,,	0
12	to the White house—	0,,	2,,	9
11	to Flemingham—	0,,	8,,	0
10	to Robinsons ferry at Delaware—	0,,	3,,	0
7	to Bougers Tavern—	0,,	4,,	9
7	to kilevals—	0,,	1,,	6
6	to Buttlers—	0,,	8,,	3
4	to Jenkens—	0,,	3,,	6
10	to Philadelphia Carsons Sign of the Harp & Crown—	1,,	4,,	3
7	to Smiths at Derby—	0,,	3,,	10
12	to Duttens—	0,,	13,,	5
8	to Wilminton—			
3	to Newport—	0,,	1,,	4
5	to Cristine—			
11	to Elk River—	0,,	3,,	4
7	to North East—	0,,	1,,	9
11	to Rogers at Sisquhanna River for Pilot & Lodging—	1,,	4,,	5
12	to the head of Bush River—	0,,	1,,	4
8	to the Iron works—	0,,	6,,	3
12	to Carmicaels Sign of Masons arms—	0,,	13,,	3

7	to Baltimore at Mr Mackindles for one Days—	0,, 16,, 0
	at the Coffey house—	1,, 16,, 4
	for Shaving and Washing While at Baltimore—	0,, 14,, 3
	Powder Bullets and Shoot—	0,, 11,, 10
	at Macandleys in Baltimore 21 Days 2 men & 2 Horses—	21,, 14,, 0
7	to Carmichaels Left Baltimore the 11th of Febry—	0,, 17,, 6
	at the falls Lodging 6 men and 9 horses—	1,, 16,, 6
	at Bush—	0,, 16,, 0
	at the River Sisquhannah Dinner & ferrage—	1,, 12,, 6
	more to Treating the Negros for helping the Loading out—	0,, 4,, 3
	at North East Lodging—	2,, 9,, 10
	at the Elk—	0,, 15,, 0
	at Dowdles Cristine—	1,, 6,, 0
	At Grays in Newport Lodging—	2,, 7,, 0
	At Elots—	0,, 11,, 0
	at Duttens—	1,, 7,, 0
	at Chester—	0,, 3,, 0
	at Briants Lodging—	1,, 16,, 3
	at Smiths in Derby—	1,, 2,, 4
	at Philadelphia Saturday the 15th	0,, 13,, 0
	at Rising Sun Lodging for 2 men and Horse—	0,, 11,, 0
	at Pauls in Frankfort 2/6 and 12/ to the Waggoner—	0,, 14,, 6
	at Macvays in Frankfort Lodging—	3,, 13,, 9
	at Comlys Tavern for Dinner &c—	1,, 1,, 0
	at Bennets for Lodging—	2,, 3,, 8
	at Correls at the ferry—	0,, 16,, 0
	to the ferrymen—	0,, 4,, 0
	at amuels—	0,, 2,, 2
12	miles from Dalaware to Mr Dalwickos—	0,, 9,, 0
8	to Redintons Lodging—	1,, 4,, 0
3	to White house—	0,, 8,, 6
7	to the Stone house—Dinner—	0,, 18,, 0
10	to youngs Lodging—	2,, 19,, 0
	paid for Shoeing Horses—	0,, 7,, 9
8	to Howels—	0,, 8,, 0
8	to Mandevals Dinner—	0,, 6,, 0
	Capt Throops Expence in going to Morristown—	0,, 17,, 0
	paid to the Waggoner for Oats—	0,, 10,, 0

15	to Rampock Lodging—	1,,	4,,	0
	for my Expences when alone at Ditto—	0,,	2,,	0
7	to Soverins Tavern—	0,,	1,,	6
8	to Caroll Dinner—	0,,	2,,	0
10	to Kingsferry—	0,,	4,,	0
5	to Peekskill Lodging—	1,,	10,,	6
	more at Peekskill—	0,,	6,,	0
7	miles to the Dutchmans—	0,,	1,,	0
18	to Dutchy County where I came up with the Waggon—	0,,	13,,	0
	Capt Throops acc^{t} for the Companys Expence—	2,,	4,,	0
	more paid Co^{ll} Gregg Expences in the Jerseys—	2,,	3,,	6
8	to Shermans Lodging—	1,,	10,,	0
	paid to Mr Sherman for Carrying part the load to Milford	0,,	11,,	0
11	to Milford—	0,,	7,,	0
6	to Fowlers in Milford, Dinner—	0,,	6,,	6
5	to Stones—	0,,	3,,	6
3	to Stodders Lodging—	1,,	0,,	0
3	to Litchfield Breakfast Buels—	0,,	6,,	6
3	to Buels Snow Storm this Day—	0,,	3,,	8
3	to Philips Lodging and Washing—	2,,	1,,	11
3	to Catlines—	0,,	9,,	6
14	to Farmington Coll^{s} Lodging—	1,,	4,,	0
	paid to Mr Potter for Carrying the load 22 miles—	1,,	10,,	6
	more paid for Ditto 3 miles—	0,,	6,,	0
10	to Hartford Mr Jones Lodging & Horse keeping—	1,,	3,,	2
8	to Windser—	0,,	2,,	0
8	to Endfield Dinner—	0,,	7,,	9
13	to Wilbraham—	0,,	2,,	6
7	to Graves Tavern Lodging—	1,,	3,,	6
5	to Bliss Tavern Breakfast—	0,,	7,,	0
10	to Hitchcocks—	0,,	2,,	10
11	to Lister Dinner—	0,,	8,,	0
10	to Woster Starns—	0,,	2,,	4
8	to Farras Lodging—	1,,	1,,	0
14	to Hows Malbury—	0,,	8,,	0
10	to Jones Wetham—	0,,	4,,	0
12	to Bakers Rocksburry—	0,,	1,,	6
	Capt Troops Expences when from us—	1,,	11,,	0
	to Boston came to Boston Saturday the 1st of March 4 of the Clock afternoon			
3	Expences at Mr Moores in Boston	3,,	18,,	8

3	other Expences at Boston & Elswhere paid by Co[ll] Gregg—	0,,	8,,	3
10	miles to Wymans in Wooburn Lodging—	1,,	1,,	4
10	to Deacon Ballards Willminton—	0,,	2,,	3
8	to Mastens at the river—	0,,	2,,	4
7	to Deacon Kelleys New Salem Dinner—	0,,	5,,	8
8	Horse Shoeing—	0,.	2,,	6
9	to Chester Ingols—	0,,	1,,	2
7	to Towels Kingston—	0,,	3,,	1
8	at Exeter when returning the money—	0,,	13,,	4
	at Towles kingstown—	0,,	3,,	0
	at Ingalls in Chester—	0,,	2,,	0

[James Betton was born in Scotland in 1728; he took up his residence in Windham about 1753, and was a prominent man in the town and state, and was employed on several important commissions during the Revolutionary war. He was a member of the state legislature in 1777, '79, '80, '81, '82, '84,–'86, '89, '91, and '93, and died March 18, 1803.—Ed.]

WINDSOR.

The town was formerly called Campbell's Gore. By an act passed June 21, 1797, a tract of land known as Wheeler's Gore, situated between Campbell's Gore and the town of Washington, was annexed to said Campbell's Gore.

The town was incorporated December 27, 1798, at which time it received its present name; and by the same act Joshua Lovejoy was authorized to call the first meeting of the inhabitants, and preside in the same until a moderator was chosen.

This is one of the smallest towns in the state, territorially considered, and contained but sixty-five inhabitants in 1880.

[11–176] [*Petition for Authority to tax Non-Residents: addressed to the General Court, 1787.*]

Gentlemen—

We the Inhabitants of Campbells Gore in the County of Hillsborough, humbly petition—whereas Labouring under many Difficulties & Inconveniencies for the want of a Road through

said Gore from Antrim to Washington, & in making said Road passable, there must be a Bridge built of considerable Length & Heighth, which will be of great Use & Benefit to the Publick, as well as to the Inhabitants And often being requested to build said bridge by the people above & below us, & we not being able to perform said Work, begs that your Honours will allow us the Subscribers, to Tax the Non Resident Lands to the high Ways so as to Enable us to perform said work as it will be as beneficial to their Interest as Ours.—And also humbly desire your Honours to call the Name of this place Scituate—which Requests we are Continually Praying for—

Campbells Gore May 25th 1787

Joel Richards	Jonathan Swett	David perkins
Stephen Wyman	Asa Dresser	Nathan Barker
Thomas Stickney	Elijah Green	John Gordon
John Roche	John Roch Jr	Josiah Swett

[11-177] [*Petition of Inhabitants of Campbell's Gore and part of Hillsborough, for Incorporation, 1790.*]

To the Honourable Senate, and house of Representatives in General Assembly convened at Portsmouth, within & for the State of Newhampshire—

The Petition of us the Subscribers being Inhabitants of a track of Land, called Campbells Gore—and also of Sundry of the Inhabitants, living in the Southwest part of the town of Hillsborough—Most humbly Shews—That the said track of Land first Mentioned, containing but About 3000 Acres, which is too small ever to become a town or parish Sufficient to Maintain the Gospel or carry on publick business, and its Situation is such, that it cannot be Joined to any Lands for its Relief, except a track of Land, Lying in the southwest part of said Hillsborough, on which a number of your Petitioners reside, and are desirous of being United with the Inhabitants of Campbells Gore, by an Incorporation vesting them with such town previleges and Immunities as other towns in the State hold and do enjoy—That the whole town of Hillsborough contains about 26000 Acres, and the part hereby requested to be Joined to the said Gore contains only about 6000 Acres—That should the prayer of this petition be granted will then contain about 20000 Acres, a Quantity Sufficient to afford Ample support for a Minister & remain a respectable town, and we cannot see any Ill-convenience that will attend the granting this Request, as the town of Hillsborough have Erected a new Meeting house and

have Settled a Minister of the Congregational Standing, the old parish of Hillsborough being the greatest Majority carries all Votes to their Liking, & we being Presbyterians cannot Join with them—Although we have helped to defray all charges, and not willing to make any Difficulty in a new Country, and as Opportunity now presents to Join said Gore, to be releaved from our present bondage, we trust they will make no Opposition in this our request, which we hope will appear to your honours very Reasonable & draw a small part of your Attention on the Premises—Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that an Act may pass the Honourable Assembly, Incorporating into a town the said Gore, with the Southwesterly part of Hillsborough, according to the following Directions and Boundaries (Viz) Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot N° 39 in the third Division (so called) being the south bounds of said Hillsborough, thence North about 15 Deg^{r} West, in the east bounds of the Westermost range of the said third Division, Lots to the Northeast corner of Lot N° 6 in said Division, thence south Eight Deg^{r} and an half West, to the North West corner of said Lot N° 6 thence Northerdly about 30 Rods to the Northeast Corner of Lot N° 58 in the Second Division, thence Westerdly in the North bounds of said Lot N° 58, N° 27 and N° 16 to the West bounds of said Hillsborough—Then pursuing the North west and South Lines of said Gore as the same are now reputed to be, till it shall come to the South west Corner bound of said Hillsborough, thence Easterdly in the South Line of Hillsborough to the place of beginning—Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that a Committee be sent on said premises viewing our Situation, and setting of so much as said Boundaries specifies, or any other Lines, as they in their Wisdom sees fit—And Your petitioners as in Duty bound will ever fervently Pray &c &c &c—

Dated Jany 6th 1790—

Names of the Signers belonging to Hillsborough—

David Goodell
John m^{c} Clintok
John Mc Cleary
Andrew Bixbe
Moses Steele
Thomas murdough
John Bixbe
Joseph Taggart
Alexander m^{c}Clintok
Fortu^{ns} Wheeler
Solomon Andrews
William Love
David Livermore
Samuel Pope
Issachar Andrews
benjaman Jones
benjaman Jones Jun
John Gibson
Archibald Taggart
I william Hutchingson has nothan against being sot of—
Tho miller Miller
James Miller
William Tallant
Samuel Preston
Robert patten
hugh Smith
I John m^{c}Neaill has nothan against being Sat of

Names of the Signers belonging to Campbells Gore

Josiah Swett	Josiah Swett Jun	Eben^{r} Curtice
David Perkins	James Jones	Daniel Gibson
Stephen Wyman	John Roche	Henry Bagley
John Goodell	John Roach J^{r}	William Jones
Nathan Barker	James Roche	Daniel Gordon
Joshua Jones	Jonathan Swett	
Daniel Bixbe	Asa Dresser	

[In H. of Rep., January 16, 1790, Robert Wallace, of Henniker, Nenian Aiken, of Deering, and Capt. Daniel Miltimore, of Antrim, were appointed as a committee "to view the situation" and report to the next session. Council non-concurred.—Ed.]

[11–179] [*Another Petition for Incorporation: addressed to the General Assembly, 1790.*]

The petition of us the Subscribers, being Inhabitants of a track of Land called Campbell Gore—and also of Sundry of the Inhabitants living in the South west part of the town of Hillsborough—

Most humbly Shews—

That the said track of Land first Mentioned, containing between 3 and 4000 Acres, which is to small ever to become a town, or parish Sufficient to maintain the Gosple, or carry on publick business, and its Situation is such, that it cannot be Joined to any Lands for its relief, except a track of Land, lying in the South West of said Hillsborough, on which a number of your petitioners reside, and are desirous of being United with the Inhabitants of Campbells Gore by an Incorporation vesting them with such town previliges and Immunites as other towns in the State hold and do Enjoy—

That the whole town of Hillsborough contains about the Quantity of 26000—and part hereby requested to be Joined to the said Gore Contains only about 6000 Acres—Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that an act may pass the honourable Assembly—Incorporating into a town the said Gore, with the South West part of Hillsborough, According to the following Description & Boundaries (Viz) Beginning at the South east Corner of Lot N° 39 in the third Division (so called) being the south bounds of said Hillsborough thence North about 15 Degrees West, in the east bounds of the Westermost range of the said 3^{d} Division Lots, to the northeast Corner of Lot N° 6 in said Division, thence south Eight Degrees and an half

West, to the North West Corner of said Lot N° 6, thence Northerdly about 30 Rods to the North east Corner of Lot N° 58 in the second Division, thence Westerdly in the North bounds of said Lot N° 58 N° 27 and N° 16 to the West bounds of said Hillsborough, Then pursuing the North West and South Lines of said Gore as the same are now reputed to be—till it shall come to the South West Corner bounds of said Hillsborough—thence easterdly in the south Lines of Hillsborough to place of beginning.

Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that a Committee may be Appointed to come on to the premises, to view our Situation, and set of so much of said Boundaries, together with so much of the Adjacent towns of Washington and Stoddard, as your Wisdom sees fit—And your petitioners as in Duty bound, will ever fervently pray &c &c &c—

Dated May 28th 1790—

Names of the Signers belonging to Hillsborough

John m^{c}Clintok	Benjamin Jones Jr	Samuel Preston
David Goodell	Fortunatus Wheeler	Solomon Andrews
Andrew Bixbe	Samuel Pope	David Livermore
Moses Steel	Joseph Taggart	Elexander ma^{c}Clintock
John Gibson	Thomas murdough	
John McCleary	William Tallant	
Benjamin Jones	John Bigsbe	

Names of the Signers belonging to Campbells Gore—

Josiah Swett	william Jones Junr	Daniel Gibson
Isaac Procter	John Roch J^{r}	Issacher Andrews
Eben^{r} Curtice	John Goodell	Joshua Jones
Asa Dresser	Asa Goodell	Stephen Wyman
Henry Bagley	Nathan Barker	
Josiah Swett Jun	John Roche	

[In H. of Rep., June 11, 1790, a committee was appointed consisting of Stephen Dole of Bedford, Elijah Frink of Lempster, and Timothy Taylor of Merrimack, to report to the next session. They reported as follows:—Ed.]

[11–181] [*Committee's Report on foregoing.*]

Your Committee beg leave to report on the petition of the Inhabitants of Campbels Gore and Sundry of the Inhabitants of the West part of Hilsborough, That after Viewing the prem-

ises according to their Request and hearing all parties, give it as our Opinion that it will be Convenient to be a Town Incorporated and Bounded as Followeth Beginning on the South line of Hilsborough at the South East Corner of Lot N° 42 thence Running Northerly on the Range Line to North East Corner of Lot N° 27 thence Westardly one Mile to the North West Corner of the Lot N° 16 in the Second Divition on the West Line of the Town of Hilsborough Thence Running Westerly on the North line of the S^{d} Campbel Gore to the East Line of Washington thence Continuing West one Mile to the West Line of the Second Range in the first Divition so Called in the Town of Washington thence Southerly on the Range line to Stodard North line thence So far West as to the North West Corner of the Lot N° 28 in the third Range So Called in S^{d} Stodard thence South on the Range Line So far South as to be parrellel with the South Line of the afore Said Campbels Gore Thence Easterly to the first Mentioned Bounds

Which is Humbly Submitted Stephen Dole for the Com^{tee}

[In H. of Rep., January 14, 1791, a hearing was ordered for the next session; meanwhile, the petitioners were to notify the selectmen of Hillsborough, Stoddard, and Washington.—Ed.]

[11–182] [*Voters in Campbell's Gore, 1791.*]

Campbels Gore June the 9 y^{r} 1791

A trew Record of the inhabetance of Campbels Gore being Voters at the Prescent Day

James Jones	Nathan Barker	Danil Gibson
Danill Gorden	Issacher Andrews	Ebenezer Curtis
William Jones Junr	Joshua Jones	John Curtis
Benjaman Jones Juner	Stephen Wyman	Isace Curtis
	David Pirkins	David Morrison
Josiah Swett Juner	Asa Dresser	Henry Bagly
Saml Jones	Jonathan Swett	Saml Bradford
Josiah Proctr	John Roch	Abither Eaton
Isace Dodge	John Roch Juner	
Joel Richards	James Roch	

A trew Coppy of the above inhabetance
by me
Joel Richards T: Cleark

[11–183] [*Sundry Citizens remonstrate against being incorporated with any part of Washington or Stoddard: addressed to the General Court, June, 1791.*]

The Petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of Campbells Gore, humbly Sheweth, that whereas there is a Petition, now laying before your Honours the Prayer of which is—that Campbells Gore part of Hillsborough and other Lands be Incorporated into a town—the Order already taken on said Petition now lays in the Report of your Honours Committee and Appointed for a day of hearing, and as it Appears to us your Petitioners, that if the Report of said Committee Should be that we are to be Annexed with any part of Washington or Stoddard it would be much more to our Disadvantage, than to be as we are—We your petitioners, therefore humbly Pray, that we may not be Incorporated into a Town, with any part of Washington or Stoddard—All which is humbly submitted to your honours to do as in your great Wisdom may see meet—

And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever Pray—

Given at Campbells Gore

Feby 23^{d} 1791—

Jonathan Swett	James Jones	Benjamin Jons Jr
David Perkins	Saml Bradford Juner	John Roche Jr
Saml Jones	James Roche	Stephen Wyman
William Jones Junr	Abiathar Eaton	Isace Curtice
Nathan Barker	Joel Richards	
Josiah Proctor Jur	Danill Gordon	

[11–185] [*Petition for Authority to Levy Taxes, 1793.*]

State of Newhamp^{r}

To the Honarable the Sennat and house of Representatives at Concord Convened on the first wensday of June 1793

The petition of the Selectmen of Campbels gore in the County of Hillsborough in Said State humbley Shews that by Reson of our not being a body Corprate we Consider ourselves not otherized to lay out aney Roads as the Select men of incorprated towns are by law nither Can we oblidge persons to work to open or Repair Roads tho of Ever so much Utility to the publick nor are we by law Enabled to Raise aney money for Schools &c: So that we are Denied the Common privilege of our fellow Sitysens notwithstanding we are taxed to Support goverment: and whereas the County Road Leading from Amherst to Charlstown is laid out through Said gore with Sundry other Roads of

publick Utility and the publick is greatly Ingred by Said Roads not being mad pasable wherefor we your petionars pray your honors to take our Case into your wise Consideration: and pass an act Enableing the Select men of Said Campbels gore in futter to Raise money for the Suport of Schools in proportion to our tax as other towns are by law otherised to do: also to lay out and Repair all needfull Roads: or otherwise grant Such Relife as your honors in your wisdom Shall See meet and your petitioners as in duty bound will Ever pray

John Curtice, Samuel Preston, Joshua Jones } Selectmen of Campbells gore

[A hearing was ordered for the next session.—Ed.]

[11–186] [*Petition for Incorporation, 1798.*]

The inhabitants of Campbels Gore, humbly Sheweth that they have for A considerable time bin Subject to paying their proportn of State and County Taxes, and feel them Selves willing to bair their proportion of burden in peace or War, and wish to be incorperated into A Town, by the Name of Winsor, or any other Name that your Honr May think best, if in your Wisdom you Should think best to Grant our Petition, and we as in Duty bound pray—

Dated at Campbells Gore June ye 5 1798

Joshua Lovejoy, Willm Hoopper, Allexander McClintock } Select Men

[See introduction.—Ed.]

WOLFEBOROUGH.

There is no record of the grant or incorporation of the town in the office of the secretary of state. John Farmer states that it was granted by charter in 1770, to Gov. John Wentworth, Mark H. Wentworth, and others; and in a foot note in "Farmer's Belknap," he states that it was incorpo-

rated in 1770.* The first reference to the town by name in the secretary's office is in council and assembly records of October 26, 1768, and in records of the H. of Rep. of same date, and relates to making a road from Wolfeborough to Stonington (now Northumberland). In the journal of H. of Rep. the word is Wolfsborough, and in the council and assembly records, Wolfborough. The latter spelling is also used in both records in March, 1769. The derivation of the name is uncertain. December 4, 1800, a tract of land known as Wolfeborough Addition was annexed to this town.

By an act passed June 27, 1849, some territory was severed from Alton and annexed to Wolfeborough. June 26, 1858, the farm of Benjamin Wiggin was severed from Tuftonborough and annexed to this town.

[11-187] [*Minutes of Laying out a Road from Wolfeborough to Plymouth, 1771.*]

In Pursuance of our Appointment By Act of the Generall Assembly, We Have Survay^{d} Mark^{d} & Measur^{d} a Road, From the Governor^{s} House in Wolfborough To Plymouth, Which Road is Mark^{d} for Three Rods Wide, Begining at The Gover^{s} House in Wolfborough Affor^{sd}

Running from Thence N° 27 Degrees East 1 Mile And ¼ to to Mr Rindges—

From Thence W— 45— N: ¾ of a Mile on Wolfborough Road

From Thence W— 4 N— 7 Mile^{s} To Miles Road So Call^{d}

From Thence W— 45 N— ¼ of a Mile To Sq^{r} Livinis

From Thence No. 40 W. 5 Mile^{s} on Miles^{es} Road To Melvins River

From Thence N— 32 W— 3 Mile^{s} & ½ on Said rode to Colone^{ll} Moultons

From Thence N— 34 W— 1 Mile To Ebenezar Blak^{s}

From Thence W— 20 S— 6 Mile^{s} & ¼ To Senters

From Thence W— 40 N— 8 Mile^{s} & ½ To Sheperds

From Thence N— 20 W— 1 Mile & ½ To Sq^{r} Livermore^{s}

From Thence N— 25 W— 2 Mile^{s} & ¼ To Pemagawasset River at the Entrance of the Mill Brook So Call^{d} The Whole of Which Being Computed To Be 36 Mile^{s} & ¾th^{s} All Which we Have Carefully, Survay^{d} Plainly Mark^{d} And Do Report Capable of Being Made a Good Road Of Which Survay We

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[*The petition for incorporation is in Vol. IX, p. 824.—Ed.]

Have Herby Mad a True Return All Which is To Your Excellency & Honour^{s} Most Humbly Submitted—
Dated Sept 20th 1771—

Joseph Senter
David Copp
Samuel Sheperd } Com^{tt}

[11–188] [*Account of Taxes on Gov. Wentworth's Estate.*]

The state of New Hamp^{shr}

To the Town of Wolfborough D^{r}

1779 To Taxes due from the Estate formerly belonging to the late Govr Wentworth—(Viz)

1st Continental Tax for 1779—	£75, 15, 2		
State Tax—	50, 8, 11		
Town Ditto—	38, 14, 11½		
		164, 19,	0½
2^{d} Continental Tax—		236, 19,	1¼
Taxes due on the Lot N° 7 belonging to the above Estate being set down in the first List of Rates, to George Meserve Esqr thro' Mistake vizt			
1st Continental Tax for 1779—	£3, 10, 9¾		
State Tax—	2, 7, 6¾		
Town Ditto—	1, 16, 6¾		
		7, 14,	11¼
Deduct for Cash rec'd of the Com^{ttee} Messrs Maj^{r} Hodgdon & Mr Hanson by the Constable		£409, 13,	1
		126, 4,	1
		£283, 9,	0

Due from the State Farm—

Taxes due from the Estate lately belonging to George Meserve Esqr—(vizt)			
Lot N° 9—1st Continental Tax for 1779—	£3, 10,	9¾	
State Tax—	2, 7,	6¾	
Town Ditto—	1, 16,	6¾	
2^{d} Continent^{l} Tax—	10, 13,	6¾	
N° 20 1st Continent^{l} Tax—	3, 17,	9	
State Tax—	2, 11,	8¼	
Town Ditto—	1, 19,	8½	
2^{d} Continental Tax—	11, 12,	2¼	

N° 21,	1st Continental Tax—	3, 7, 4		
	State Tax—	2, 4, 9¾		
	Town Ditto—	1, 14, 5¼		
	2d Continentl Tax—	10, 3, 4¾		
			55, 19, 9¾	
	due from Meserve's Estate—		£339, 8, 9¾	

Wolfborough March 28, 1780

Errors Excepted in behalf of the Select Men
Per Matthas Stany Parker—One of the Select Men

Exeter April 25th 1780

In Committee on Claims
The above Account amounts to Three Hundred and Thirty Nine Pounds eight shillings, Nine pence three farthings—
Examd per Josiah Gilman Junr

29th April 1780 Recd an Order on the Treasurer for three hundred & thirty nine pounds eight shillings, nine pence three farthings the Amount of the within Account—
In behalf of the Selectmen of Wolfborough
Per Matthes S. Parker

[R. 4–190] [*Men in the Army, 1776.*]

Wolfborough July 9th 1776

This may certify who it may Concern that the persons whos names are underritten are gone in the Army out of this Town

Vizt	Poll Rats		
Sachariah Bunker	2–6	Samuel Mellows	2–6
Moses Tibbets	2–6	Garret Byron	2–6
Ichabod Tibbets	2–6	Archibald Camble	2–6
William Twombly	2–6		
			1–7–6

Henry Rust
Robert Calder } Select Men
Moses Ham

[R. 4–191] [*James Wiggin, Soldier, 1780.*]

Camp Soldiers Fortune Decr 9th 1780

Jams Wiggens soldier in the 3d N Hampshire Regt Inhabitant of the state of N. Hampshire is hereby discharged and permitted to return to the above state—

Jan Wait Majr 3d N. H.

To whom it may Concern—

All issueing Commissary's are desired to supply the within named Jam^{s} Wiggens with provisions on his way to New Hampshire, none to be delivered by this order after the 19th Ins^{t}—

Ja^{n} Wait Maj^{r} 3^{d} N H.

Issued Two Days Provisions

Decr 12—1780 Thos Pratt A C S

Wolfborough man for 6 m^{o}

[R. 4–192] [*Soldier's Order.*]

Wolfborough December 23th 1783

Sir Please to pay to Mr Reuben Libbey the wages due to me as a soldier in the scouting under Command of Capt Jacob Smith at Shelburne in the year 1781 in so doing you will oblige your H'ble servent

Jeremiah Sincler

To the Honble Mesech Weare Esqr

President of the state of New Hampshire

[R. 4–193] [*Petition of Reuben Libbey, Soldier.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Hon^{le} Senet and House of Representatives Convend at Portsmouth

February 1th Day 1786—

The Petition of Reuben Libbey of Wolfborough in said state Humble Shews—that your petitioner some time in the Month of July in the year 1779 Engaged as a soldier in Col^{o} Mooney Regment and Mustred by Col^{o} Bager and went to Providence Joined Capt Emerson Company and served untill Sepr 10th day 1779—and then discharged and your petitioner hath never Recvied a Peney for his Time or Traviel or was not maid up in any Company or upon any Roll in the Regment wherefore your Petitioner begs that he May Recive the same in Every shape as the Rest of the Regment for the time he was in the sarvice and Your Petitioner begs that he may have some Intrest for his Money your Petitioner as in duty Bound shall Ever Pray—

Reuben Libbey

[11–194] [*Petition relative to a new Town: addressed to the General Assembly, June, 1785.*]

The petition of the Inhabitants of the south west part of the Town of Wolfborough—

Humbly Sheweth—

That your petitioners were unexpectedly Notified of a petition being preferred to this Honble Court in the Course of their Last session at Concord, by a small number of the Inhabitants of s^d^ Wolfboro' living on the Northeasterly side of s^d^ Town (in Conjunction with the Inhabitants of the second Division of Middletown Containing about thirty Families) for the purpose of Dividing said Towns, in Order to Erect a New Township—the prayer whereof your petitioners humbly conceive (as well as the Inhabitants of the first division of s^d^ Middletown) to be exceeding unreasonable for the Reasons following—(vizt) First, Because the whole Number of Families now living in s^d^ Wolfboro', does not Exceed Forty five, & those in Middletown about twice that Number, so that to divide two such small Number of Inhabitants to make three Towns would be very injurious & expensive to said Inhabitants, as well as, the Community at large, at they cannot be Benefited at present by being annexed to any other Town—

That the whole Town of Wolfborough together, are poorly able to support proper Town Government & Order, & by Reason of their low Circumstances & the dificulty of the late Times have never been able to settle a Minister of the Gospel, or even to hire Necessary schooling for their Children, and now to cut off a quarter or one third of s^d^ Inhabitants would entirely disenable & even Obliterate all prospect of enjoying such a Blessing for a long time to Come, as their are not any near settlements in the Towns adjoining to be united to us, and but little prospects of there being any at present as the Lands are held by the Proprietors in large Bodies & not to be obtain'd without a large price being given therefor—

Secondly—That though the Inhabitants may not exceed the Number abovementioned, who have petitioned for the separation, Yet that part of the Land they would be glad to have set off is above one half in Value as to the quality, of the whole Town, the Middle part being exceeding poor and very little thereof suitable for settlements—

Thirdly—That your petitioners mostly live on one direct Road thro' the southwest part of s^d^ Town adjoining to Winnepiseokee Lake & the land on said Road for one Miles Distance from said Lake being wholly taken up (which contains in a manner all the land upon that Quarter suitable for settlements) they cannot be Benefited by any more or at least but very few

settlers there, and few Inhabitants living in the Towns adjoining under the Distance of Eight or Ten Miles & those very Scattering that the prospects of any Benefit from a Connection with them at Present is entirely Chimerical—

Lastly—That however practicable such a Division may be in some future Day when those Towns become Inhabited, that a Division would be exceeding injurious for the Reasons already Suggested which contain plain matters of fact, and indeed would totally compleat for a long space of Time the Ruin of two Towns to build up one, & which if effected would not accommodate so many persons as it would injure, & only serve to gratify the Ambition of two or three Designing persons who would be glad perhaps (in this Case) to advance themselves tho' at the same time their Neighbours should be injured, which would verily be the Case, if their Prayer should be granted—As to their great Objection they make of having so far to travel to the Annual Meeting of s^{d} Town they have never once ask'd or desired, to have the Meeting held over upon that quarter, which if they had, would have been readily granted, tho' then but very few of them would be Benifited thereby, as they live so Scattering—

Therefore your Petitioners humbly conceive, that the prayer of their Petition appears at present to be so unreasonable that your Honours will not so greatly injure the Majority of two Towns of your peaceable Subjects only to gratify the Ambition of a few Individuals by granting the prayer thereof but will of Course dismiss the same, & in so doing, as in Duty Bound your Petitioners will ever pray &c &c.

Wolfborough June 1785—

Benjamen Blake	John Piper	James Fullerton
Jeremiah Gould	Lemuel Clifford	Enoch Thomas
John Horne	Henry Rust	Samuel Tibbets
Benj : Evens	Matth^{w} S. Parker	Jonathan Chase
John Fullerton	Eben^{r} Horne	Ithiel Clifford
Eben^{r} Meder	Andrew Lucas	Andrew Wiggin
Jonathan Harsey	James Lucas J^{r}	James Wiggin
John Lucas	James Connor	Benj^{a} Wiggin
John Lary	Henry Rust Junr	Stephen Horne
Joseph Lary	Richard Rust	Isaiah Horne
Thomas piper	Jacob Smith	Ebenezer Horne J^{r}

[See Vol. XII, pp. 598, 599.—Ed.]

[11-195] [*Petition for a New Town, Wolfeborough and Middleton, 1785.*]

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives sitting at Exeter—

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Towns of Wolfborough and Middleton Humbly Shews—

That, your petitioners from Wolfborough are put to great Inconveniencies in transacting Town Business by reason of a very large pond which lays between them and the place of holding their Meetings—

That, your petitioners from Middleton (Inhabitants of the Second Division) are subjected to as great Inconveniences by reason of the great Distance they live from the place of holding their Meetings and the Badness of the Roads which for a great part of the Year are almost impassable—

That, the Eastermost part of said Wolfborough and the Second Division of s^d^ Middleton are well calculated for a Township—Your petitioners therefore pray that the said two Tracts of Land may be annexed and erected into a Distinct and seperate Town by such Metes & Bounds as your Honors shall order—and as in Duty bound your petitioners will pray &c

Nicholas austin	Ebzer Bennett	Simon Dearborn
Benjamin Clay	Peter Stellings	John Palmer
Josiah Robinson	moses Perkins	Wolfborough
Stephen Lyford	wellaim Wile	Robert Calder
Jonathan Clay	Ezekiel Sanborn	William Cotton
Bartholomew Richards	Josiah Wiggin	Joseph Leavitt
	Samuel Tibbetts	James Sheafe
Jedidiah Drew	Josiah Wille	Jonathan Lang
David Durgin	Isaac Drew	John Costelloe
Daniel Croxford	John Fornel	

[In H. of Rep., June 10, 1785, a committee, consisting of Ebenezer Smith, of Meredith, Daniel Beede, of Sandwich, and Moses Baker, of Campton, was appointed to investigate and report at next session.—Ed.]

[11-197] [*Report of the aforenamed Committee.*]

State of New Hampshire

To the Honble the House of Representatives

We the Subscribers Pursuant to our appointment having Repair^d^ to Wolfborough & midleton & haveing fully Vewed Said

towns find the Situation of Wolfsborough to be such as will not admit of a division without great inconveniances & hurt to s^d^ town We have also Viewed the town of midleton & find the Situation thereof Such that there is no Passing from one end thereof unto the other with out going out of the Limits thereof to get round a mountain Which makes it exceeding dificult for the Inhabatance to meet together on any ocasion And the Inhabatance of Wolfsborough have fixed upon a Place to Sit their meeting house & hold their Public town Meetings as near the center of s^d^ Wolfsborough with two miles of the Northeast end of Midleton if annex^d^ thereto which Place is on the Westerly Side of Lot N° 4, and about thirty rods Northerly of Smiths Pond Which the Inhabatance of Wolfborough with the Agents of the Petitisioners of the Northeasterly end of midleton have agreed to have established by the act of IncorPoration if it Should be the Courts Pleasure to Pass an act to Incorporate any Part of midleton with Wolfsborough We therefore recommend it Conveniant for four ranges of Lots or more which contain about one half mile each of the Northeast end of midletown to be annex^d^ to Wolfsborough if Pray^d^ for by Such Part of Midletown—

Wolfborough oct^r^ 7th 1785

Ebenezer Smith
Daniel Beede
Moses Baker
} Committee

[11-198] [*Remonstrance to the Formation of the New Town: addressed to the General Court, February, 1786.*]

Humbly Shew, the Inhabitants of the Town of Wolfborough in the County of Strafford & State aforesaid, That they were very unexpectedly surprized by receiving a few Days since, a Copy of a Petition signed by Nicholas Austin in behalf of the Settlers of the Second Division of Middletown with the order of Court thereon, praying that the s^d^ second Division of Middletown, might be annexed to Wolfborough

Your Petitioners are exceeding sorry that thro' the restless Machinations of designing Persons they should be drawn into the disagreeable necessity of taking up your Honours time upon a Subject they thought already fix'd and Determined—Your Honors will perceive by the Report of your Committee ye last Sessions at Concord, That, the Town of Wolfboro' was well situated & could not be divided without great injury, and we dare say had this plan been within the limits of their Business, they would have reported, that, such an addition as prayed for

by Friend Austin would be as injurious, to more than three fourths of the Inhabitants as a Division of the Town—Yet notwithstanding the inconvenience of a Connection at all, the Agents in behalf of Wolfborough consented that two Miles of Middletown next to Wolfboro' should be annexed thereto as it was so disadvantageous for them to tend public Business in their own Town, conceiving that the lower part of said second Division, would in that Case poll off to Wakefield, as Many of the Settlers living on s^{d} Tract are intermixt as it were with those of that Town, & as was proposed by sundry of them—Such a connection as that was consented to by the Agents of both parties in the presence of the Committee as they reported, and as your Petitioners thought would have been a Conclusion of the matter so far as it concerned them, & in consequence thereof they agreed upon a place for building a meeting House, not thinking that after said Austin (as Agent) had Consented thereto in presence of the Committee, would have been so dishonourable as to have attempted any thing further, & Mr Cabbott being then present was so far satisfied with the agreem^{t} made by the Agents as to propose the place for setting a Meeting House himself & accordingly gave his word in writing for a lot of Land for the purpose, which was agreed by all parties should be established by an Act of Court as reported by ye Committee—

Now if in Case any more than the two Miles should be annexed to Wolfborough, it would be the means of sowing such seeds of Discord & Dissention in the Town as the age of man would never see ended—Therefore your Petitioners humbly beg that the prayer of s^{d} Petition may not be granted—But that if the proposed Connection will not satisfy their restless Agent, they may be continued together until the s^{d} Division becomes sufficiently Inhabited for a Town or Parish by themselves which no doubt will be very soon when perhaps some plan may be tho't of for the first Division of s^{d} Middletown, which if at present separated will approach near to annihilation, or at least appear to be in a similar Situation of that of Ishmael of old, having every mans hand against them, as to any connection—such being the circumstances we humbly pray that their s^{d} petition may be dismiss'd, & that we may be left to enjoy the fruits of our Labour under our Vines & fig Trees unless the Agreement already made will satisfy our restless adversary, whose Conduct has already too clearly appeared to be absorpt in selfish principles—But if in your Wisdom you should think proper to grant the prayer of their petition, we humbly pray that, the place already agreed on for Building the meeting House may be first established by an Act of Court, otherwise the Dissention will rise to a great height, which we earnestly wish may be avoided

by the Assistance of your Honourable Body—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray &c—

Wolfborough Jany 26th 1786

Henry Rust	Thomas Piper	James Connor
Benjamin Blake	John Lary	Jacob Smith
David Piper	thomas Piper Jr	Joseph Lary
Lemuel Clifford	David Blake	John Shores
Andrew Lucas	Jonathan Harsey	Matth^{w} S. Parker
Enoch thomas	William Fullerton	Eben^{r} Horne
John fullerton	John Lucas	Eben^{r} Meder
Samuel Tebbetts	Henry Rust J^{r}	John Horne
James fullerton	Jeremiah Gould	Eben^{r} Horne J^{r}
Ithal Clefard	Levi Tibbets	Benj^{a} Wiggin
andrew Wiggin	Ebenezer Tibbets	Jonathan Chase
Paul Wiggin	John Piper	
James Wiggin	James Lucas J^{r}	

[The scheme failed.—Ed.]

[11–203] *Petition of Sundry Persons to be annexed to Ossipee: addressed to the General Court, June, 1795.*]

Humbly shews—

We your Petitioners Inhabitants of the Town of Wolfborough living on the Northeasterly part of Said town and on the land known by the Addition which Addition was takeing from a Gore of land now called ossipee—labour under many difficulties espechely those of your petitioners who live on the North-Easterly Side of White face mountain (so called) are upwards of Seven miles from the Meeting House in Said Wolfborough and are obliged to go through a part of Said ossipee to travel to Said Meeting House—likewise can have little or no benefitt of School therefore Your petitioners pray that Your Hon^{rs} would in Your great wisdom disunite said Addition of land and annex the Same land to the now town of ossipee from which it was formerly taken—or otherwise if your Hon^{rs} See fitt to grant a day of hearing on the premises at which time your petitioners, will produce a plan of Said Wolfborough—together with the Addition, likewise a plan of said osspee

Which will fully appear we believe to your Hon^{s} if we can be indulged with a day of hereing that by taking said addition from said Gore of land has rendered the Easterly part of said ossipee to be not more then three milds wide—and on the west line upwards of Seventeen miles long,—your petitioners fully

relying in your Grate wisdom and that you will grant us such relief as you shall think proper—in the premises

as in duty bound will ever pray

Wolfborough May 28th day 1795

John Young	Thomas young	William Goldsmith
Samuel Hide	John Swaesy	Isaac Goldsmith Jr
Nathaniel Hyde	Isaac Goldsmith	James Fernald

[11–205] [*Petition from Wolfeborough Addition: addressed to the General Court, 1800.*]

The Petition of us the subscribers Inhabitants of a certain Tract of Land known and called by the name of Wolfborough addition—Humbly Shews— —

That said Addition has ever since the first settlement of the Town of Wolfborough been considered as a part of and belonging to said Town, that we have always been in conjunction with the Inhabitants of said Town in all Town Affairs, have laboured to and enjoy the common priviledges of Towns with them, That we have ever considered ourselves as belonging to said Town, and but of late have had knowledge that said Addition either by mistake or inattention was not included within the Limits of Wolfborough incorporation, Therefore we humbly pray that said Addition may be annexed to and incorporated with said Town of Wolfborough as fully as though it had been included in the incorporation of said Town—and we, as in duty bound will ever pray—

Wolfborough May 26th 1800.

Stephen Thurston	Joseph Kinnsion	Ebenezer Tebbets
Saml Estes	Thomas Whittle	William Goldsmith
Jacob Arak	Joseph Nudd	Samuel Tibbets
James Fernald	John Swaasy	Jonathan Tibbets

[11–204] [*Consent to the foregoing.*]

State of New Hampshire Strafford ss Wolfborough May 31st 1800

this may certify that all the Persons liveing on Wolfborough addition (so called), that are lyeable to be taxed in Said town

have Signed a Petition to be incorporated with Said town of Wolfborough—Excepting five Persons—

Mark Wiggin
Dudley Hardey } Selectmen of Wolfboro[h]
Jonathan Blake

[11–206] [*Consent of Non-Resident Proprietors.*]

We being informed that a number of the inhabitants of Wolfborough Addition have petitioned the General Court—that said addition be annexed to the Town of Wolfbo'ro'—We being Proprietors in said tract are also desirous that said addition should be incorporated with said Wolfborough having always considered it as intended at the Time of the grant and since to be a part of said Town—

Jonathan Warner
James Sheafe
Mich[l] Reade

Portsm[o] 30 Sep 1800

[11–207] [*Certificate of Posting of Notice.*]

We the subscribers hereby Certify that a Copy of the Petition of Stephen Thurston and others Inhabitants of Wolfborough Addition (so call'd) presented to the General Court last June Session praying to be annex'd to and Incorporated with the Town of Wolfborough and Order of Court thereon has been posted up in the Town of Wolfborough and Wolfborough Addition agreeably to said Order—

Attest

Mark Wiggin
Dudley Hardy } Select Men of Wolfborough
Jonathan Blake

Wolfborough Nov[br] 14th 1800

[11–208] [*Certificate of Amount of Land taxed, 1800.*]

Wolfborough November the 15th 1800—

to whom it may concern this may Certify that we the Subscribers Select men of Wolfborough have taxed in Wolfborough Addition (So called) two thousand Eight hundred & twenty Seven Acres of Land to the resedents & Nonresedents—

also in the town of Wolfborough Exclusive of the addition twenty thousand two hundred & forty three acres—

total Amount { addition 2827
old town 20243

23070

Attest

Mark Wiggin
Dudley Hardey } Select Men
Jonathan Blake

[Wolfeborough Addition was annexed to this town by an act passed December 4, 1800.—Ed.]

DATES OF INCORPORATION, ETC.,

OF TOWNS NOT MENTIONED IN THE THREE VOLUMES OF TOWN PAPERS.

AUBURN. The territory was severed from Chester, and incorporated as a town by its present name June 23, 1845.

BENNINGTON. The territory comprised in this town was severed from the towns of Greenfield, Francestown, Deering, and Hancock, December 15, 1842, and incorporated as a town by its present name. December 20, same year, a part of the farm of Samuel B. Collins was annexed to Bennington.

BERLIN. The township was granted, December 31, 1771, to Sir William Mayne and eighteen others, and named Maynesborough, by which name it was known until July 1, 1829, when it was incorporated as a town by the name of Berlin.

CARROLL. The township was granted, February 8, 1772, to Sir Thomas Wentworth and others, and named Bretton-Woods, by which name it was known until June 22, 1832, when it was incorporated as a town by the name of Carroll. By an act approved June 22, 1848, a portion of Nash & Sawyer's Location was annexed to this town. June 27, 1857, several lots of land lying south of the town were annexed to it. July 2, 1878, another portion of Nash & Sawyer's Location was annexed to this town.

CLARKSVILLE. The town was incorporated June 30, 1853.

ELLSWORTH. The township was granted, May 1, 1769, to Barlow Trecothick and others, and bore the name of Trecothick until June 16, 1802, at which time it was incorporated and received its present name. Barlow Trecothick was a resident of London, Eng., and for many years the able agent of the province of New Hampshire, through whom business with England was transacted.

HARRISVILLE. The town was incorporated July 2, 1870, and comprised portions of Dublin and Nelson. It was

named for Hon. Milan Harris, owner of a large mill property in the town, and member of the state senate in 1863–'65.

LIVERMORE. The town was incorporated July 11, 1876. It comprised a large tract of unsettled land, much of which was an unbroken wilderness.

MILAN. The township was granted, December 31, 1771, to Sir William Mayne and eighteen others, and named Paulsbourg, in honor of Paul Wentworth, Esq., one of the grantees, and went by that name until it was incorporated by its present name December 16, 1824.

RANDOLPH. The township was granted, August 20, 1772, to John Durand and his son, Edward Parry, Thomas Brown, and Charles Henzell, and named Durand. It was incorporated as a town by its present name June 16, 1824.

STRAFFORD. This town was a portion of the town of Barrington from May 10, 1722, until it was separated, June 17, 1820, and incorporated by its present name. The early history of it is consequently embraced in the documents relating to the town of Barrington. See Vol. XI.

WATERVILLE. This town was incorporated July 1, 1829, and comprised Gillis & Foss's Grant, and the grant to John Raymond.

WOODSTOCK. The township was granted, September 23, 1763, to Eli Demerit and others, and named Peeling. June 19, 1840, the name was changed to Woodstock by an act of the legislature.

LIST OF TOWNS GRANTED BY GOV. BENNING WENTWORTH, WHICH ARE NOW IN THE STATE OF VERMONT.

These names are not repeated in the index:

Names of Towns.	Date of Grant.
Addison,	Oct. 14, 1761.
Andover,	Oct. 13, 1761.
Arlington,	July 28, 1761.
Averill,	June 29, 1762.
Barnet,	Sept. 16, 1763.
Bennington,	Jan. 3, 1749.
Berlin,	June 8, 1763.
Bernard (now Barnard),	July 17, 1761.
Bolton,	June 7, 1763.
Brattleborough,	Dec. 26, 1753.
Bridgewater,	July 10, 1761.

Bridport,	Oct. 9, 1761.
Brumley,	Oct. 13, 1761.
Brunswick,	Oct. 13, 1761.
Burlington,	June 7, 1763.
Castleton,	Sept. 22, 1761.
Cavendish,	Oct. 12, 1761.
Charlotte,	June 24, 1762.
Clarendon,	Sept. 5, 1761.
Colchester,	June 7, 1763.
Corinth,	Feb. 4, 1764.
Cornwall,	Nov. 3, 1761.
Danby,	Aug. 27, 1761.
Dorset,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Draper (now Wilmington), April 29, 1751 ; regranted	June 17, 1763.
Dunbar (now Sudbury),	June 15, 1764.
Duxbury,	June 7, 1763.
Essex,	June 7, 1763.
Fane, June 19, 1750; New Fane,	Nov. 3, 1761.
Fairlee,	Sept. 9, 1761.
Fairfax,	Aug. 18, 1763.
Fairfield,	Aug. 18, 1763.
Ferdinand,	Oct. 12, 1761.
Ferrisburg,	June 24, 1762.
Flamstead, Feb. 22, 1754 ; New Flamstead,*	Nov. 3, 1761.
Fullam (now Dummerston),	Dec. 26, 1753.
Georgia,	Aug. 17, 1763.
Glossenburg,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Granby,	Oct. 10, 1761.
Guildhall,	Oct. 10, 1761.
Guilford,	April 2, 1754.
Halifax,	May 11, 1750.
Hartford,	July 4, 1761.
Harwich (now Mt. Tabor),	Aug. 28, 1761.
Hertford (now Hartland),	July 4, 1761.
Highgate,	Aug. 17, 1763.
Hinesburg,	June 24, 1761.
Hubbardton,	June 15, 1764.
Hungerford (now Franklin),	Aug. 18, 1763.
Hinsdale,†	Sept. 3, 1753.
Jerico,	June 7, 1763.
Killington (now Sherburne),	July 7, 1761.
Leicester,	Oct. 20, 1761.
Lewis,	June 29, 1762.
Limington,	June 29, 1762.

* Now Chester.
† On both sides of the river; the Vermont part is now Vernon.

Ludlow,	Sept. 16, 1761.
Lunenburg,	July 5, 1763.
Manchester,	Aug. 11, 1761.
Mansfield,	June 8, 1763.
Maidstone,	Oct. 12, 1761.
Marlborough, April 29, 1751; New Marlborough,	April 17, 1764.
Middlebury,	Nov. 2, 1761.
Middlesex,	June 8, 1763.
Milton,	June 8, 1763.
Minehead (now Bloomfield),	June 29, 1762.
Monkton,	June 24, 1762.
Moretown,	June 7, 1763.
Newbury,	May 18, 1763.
New Haven,	Nov. 2, 1761.
New Huntington (now Huntington),	June 7, 1763.
Neshobe (now Brandon),	Oct. 20, 1761.
Norwich,	July 4, 1761.
Orwell,	Aug. 18, 1763.
Panton,	Nov. 3, 1761.
Pawlet,	Aug. 26, 1761.
Peacham,	Dec. 31, 1763.
Pittsford,	Oct. 12, 1761.
Pocock (now Bristol),	June 26, 1762.
Pomfret,	July 8, 1761.
Poultney,	Sept. 21, 1761.
Pownal,	Jan. 8, 1760.
Putney,	Dec. 26, 1753.
Reading,	July 6, 1761.
Rockingham,	Dec. 28, 1752.
Rupert,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Rutland,	Sept. 7, 1761.
Ryegate,	Sept. 8, 1763.
Salisbury,	Nov. 3, 1761.
Saltash (now Plymouth),	July 6, 1761.
Sandgate,	Aug. 11, 1761.
Saint Albans,	Aug. 17, 1763.
Saint George,	Aug. 18, 1763.
Sharon,	Aug. 17, 1761.
Shaftsbury,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Shelburne,	Aug. 18, 1763.
Shrewsbury,	Sept. 4, 1761.
Shoreham,	Oct. 8, 1761.
Smithfield (now Sheldon),	Aug. 18, 1763.
Somerset,	Sept. 9, 1761.
Springfield,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Stamford, March 6, 1753; New Stamford,	June 9, 1764.

Stockbridge,	July 21, 1761.
Stow (now Stowe),	June 8, 1763.
Strafford,	Aug. 12, 1761.
Stratton,	July 30, 1761.
Sudbury,	Aug. 6, 1763.
Sunderland,	July 29, 1761.
Swanton,	Aug. 17, 1763.
Thetford,	Aug. 12, 1761.
Thomlinson (now Grafton),	Sept. 1, 1763.
Tinmouth,	Sept. 15, 1761.
Topsham,	Aug. 17, 1763.
Townshend,	June 20, 1753.
Tunbridge,	Sept. 3, 1761.
Underhill,	June 8, 1763.
Wallingford,	Nov. 27, 1761.
Waterbury,	June 7, 1763.
Weathersfield,	Aug. 20, 1761.
Wells,	Sept. 15, 1761.
Wenlock,	Oct. 13, 1761.
Westford,	June 8, 1767.
Westminster,	Nov. 9, 1752.
Weybridge,	Nov. 3, 1761.
Whiting,	Aug. 6, 1763.
Williston,	June 7, 1763.
Winhall,	Sept. 15, 1761.
Windsor,	July 6, 1761.
Woodford,	March 6, 1753.
Woodstock,	July 10, 1761.
Worster (now Worcester),	June 8, 1763.

APPENDIX.

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[12-52] [*Copy of Letter from Sabastian Ralle, 1716.*]

[The following is copied from an ancient manuscript. I am unable to find it in any printed volume; it is docketed "Jesuits lett^{r}; from Norridgwock Dated July 8th 1716—Read in Councill Augst 1 ^{mo} 1716—minuted."—Ed.]

a Copy of y^{e} Ind^{ns} letter; from norridgwock

July 8th 1716

Yesterday Abombaseen & Bamegesagog arrived here from Boston & y^{e} Ind^{ns} being assembled to hear ^{ym} found $^{yt\ yy}$ had not acquitted y^{m}selves of their Commission accord as ^{yy} * had before deliberated among themselves therefore they depute anew this Ind^{n} named Waracunsit who was before deputed to go to Boston but was hindered by some suddain Inconvenience. The Ind^{ns} are surprised that Abombaseen & Bamegesagog should begin y^{r} Commissioners referring to some letters falsely supposed from ye Govr of Canada, from Mouns^{r} ye Intendant from Mouns^{r} De-ramfie, from Mouns^{r} De-l'Angoisesie who has been dead more than two years of which lett^{rs} they have had no debate among Y^{m}selves of w^{ch} ^{yy} had no knowledge; hence arises a suspicion & ^{yy} wond^{r} y^{t} Abombaseen should make any mention of any such thing & say whence could he have ye knowledge of it, some say it must be some of ye English y^{t} have suggested it to him y^{t} so ye English und^{r} a pretence of fear might cause forts to be built contrary to ye Convention of ye peace the Ind^{ns} would now know w^{t} those lett^{rs} are they demand of ye English whether ^{yy} have received any such lett^{rs} & if they have they demand Copys of them—this is w^{t} Waracunsitt is charged to demand and to repeat their words to the English (Viz^{t}) at ye peace ye land was turned up side down it was all made plain ye forts stained with bloud were fallen into a great ditch of fire where they were Consumed;

* They.—Ed.

whence is it y^{t} they appear again; it must be some malignant spirit y^{t} should have began to dig again in this ditch to make y^{m} appear & by y^{t} means to rend^{r} ye land strong and defensible —they demand then whence it come to pass y^{t} those forts do appear and y^{t} ^{yy} appear upon y^{r} land—they alledg thus we begin now to see verified w^{t} our father of Canada has told us & warned us of he told us y^{t} ye English by these forts wch they caused to be built at ye mouths of O^{r} rivers was only y^{t} they might have ye advantage of breaking wth us these are ye words of ye Ind^{ns} this is w^{t} Abombaseen ought to have said and no more and this is w^{t} Waracunsit is charged to deliver

Sabastian Rawl de Societate Cht^{s}

P: S: The Ind^{ns} tell me that I have forgott one circumstance wch they had told me (Viz^{t}) that twas in vain for ye English to say y^{t} they have bought these places where they have built there forts bec: they know y^{t} none can buy their land and that ^{yy} themselves cant sell it being but as guardians and tutors of it.

[A treaty of peace was concluded with the Eastern Indians at a conference on Arrowsick island in August, 1717. (Vol. III, p. 693.) This treaty was broken on the part of the Indians in 1722, and a proclamation was published by Gov. Shute, July 25, 1722, ordering them not to go into any English town or district. A war ensued. In August, 1724, Capt. Harmon and others with 217 men made an attack on the Indians at Norridgewock, and killed Abombazeen, the Jesuit Sabastian Ralle, and 26 Indians. (Coll. N. H. Hist. Soc'y, vol. 1, p. 107.)—Ed.]

[12–53] [*Copy of Letter from Gov. Belcher to the Lords of Trade and Plantations relative to the boundary Line between New Hampshire and Massachusetts, 1733.*]

My Lords—

Altho' I have wrote you per this Conveyance of 5th 8th & 12th Instant, yet the ship being detain'd, I think it my duty to say to your Lordships, that I have taken all possible Care and Pains, ever since my Arrivall, to have the Long Contested Boundaries betwixt the Massachusetts and New-Hampshire adjusted, agreeable to His Majesty's Royal Orders to me, but I can see no Prospect of its being Accomplish'd, and the poor Borderers on the Lines (if Your Lordships will allow me so vulgar an Expression) live like Toads under a Harrow, being run into Goals on the one side and the other, as often as they

please to quarrell, such is the sad condition of His Majesty's Subjects, that live near the Lines. They pull down one another's houses, often wound each other, and I fear it will end in Bloodshed, unless His Majesty in his great goodness gives some Effectual Order to have the Bounds fixt.

Altho', my Lords, I am a Massachusetts man, yet I think this Province alone is culpable on this head, New-Hampshire has all along been frank and ready to pay exact duty and obedience to the King's Order, and have manifested a great Inclination to peace and Good Neighborhood, but in return the Massachusetts Province have thrown unreasonable Obstacles in the way of any settlement, and altho' they have for 2 or 3 years past been making offers to settle the Boundaries with New-York and Rhode-Island in an open, easy, amicable way, yet when they come to settle with New-Hampshire, they will not do so with them, which seems to me a plain Argument, that the leading men of the Massachusetts Assembly are conscious to themselves of continual Incroachments they are making upon their Neighbours of New-Hampshire, and so dare not come to a settlement. I say, my Lords in duty to the King, and from a just Care of His Subjects of New-Hampshire, I think myself oblig'd to set this matter in the Light I now do, nor do I ever Expect to see it settled, but by a peremptory Order from His Majesty appointing Commissioners to do it, and those agreed to by both Assemblies—

Febru[a] 1730/1—

Joseph Talcott Esq Gov[r] of Connecticut,
Joseph Jenks Esq then Gov[r] of Rhode-Island, &
Adolph Phillips Esq Speaker of the Assembly at N. York,

are Gentlemen of Good Ability and Integrity, and altho' the Massachusetts, I fear, will still decline joining in the affair, yet I believe New-Hampshire, from their desire to peace and Good Order, would rejoice to see such a Direction from the King, & be glad to be at the whole Charge rather than the dispute should still continue; I therefore humbly pray your Lordships, so to represent this affair to His Majesty, that there may be an End of Strife and Contention.

And if your Lordships approve of the Bill I now send you for emitting Bills of Credit on a Foundation of Gold and Silver & that I may have His Majesty's Leave for doing it in the Massachusetts, I pray I may also have the same Liberty of doing it in New-Hampshire, where they are in Great distress for something to pass in lieu of money, and without speedy Help it will be almost impossible for that little Province to support any Trade.

I have the honour to be with all possible Esteem and Respect—

My Lords Your Lordships Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant—

Boston Janu[a] 13th 1732/3, J. B.

These may Certify, that His Excellency the Governor, sent me this paper from Boston, and assured me that the contents of it, were a genuine copy, of what he had wrote and sent to the Lords of Trade and Plantations; and also, that he afterward shew me, an original letter from the secretary of the Plantation Board which acknowledged their Lordship's receipt of the Governors said letter,—As Witness My hand—

August 1st—1739 Rich[d] Waldron—

[12–54] [*Letter from Gov. Francis Bernard, concerning the boundary Line, 1767.*]

Boston Aug 31, 1767

S[r] I have received your letter of Aug 26, & shall lay it before the Council on Wednesday next. In the mean time I must desire you to prevent any violence being used against our Settlers; as a Representation of this matter on our behalf is now prepared to be laid before the King in Council; in which I am assured these two propositions will be proved, 1, that this province never joined to run the Line; 2, that the Line was run under a material mistake; and these will be proved, among others, by the Testimony of M[r] Bryant himself;

I am, with great regard, S[r] your most obedient and most humble Servant

Fra Bernard

His Excellency Gov[r] Wentworth—

[The following memorandum is on the back of the letter in the handwriting of Gov. Wentworth's secretary :—Ed.]

N H Patentees settle under limited terms, therefore must be supported and quieted, or they may require an exemption from all limitation—on behalf of or from the Crown

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[12–54] [*Theodore Atkinson, concerning the boundary Line, 1767.*]

Tuesday Sep[r] 29 1767

Sir Your Excellency will please to observe that the Instruction sent by M[r] King was originally directed to Govern[r]

Belcher as Govern^{r} of the Mass^{a} by the Directions in the last clause of seeing it entered in the Council Book &c I now send you the Copy of Mr Bryants Warr^{t} & Instructions Issued by Mr Belcher as Govern^{r} of the Massachusetts so that it plainly appears where the Ex Parte complained of rested and not in favour of this Prov^{e} unless paying the whole Expence made the ex Parte talked of I know I can find a satisfactory acco^{t} of the whole charge being paid by this Prov^{e} I found these papers viz Hazzens & Bryants in a Bundle I had formerly packed them in and send them that you might see the whole together— I should have waited on you with them but am prevented by an Indisposition that forbids my being abroad this weather

I am Your Excellencys most obliged &
most Obed^{t} Humble Ser^{t}

Govr Wentworth — Theodore Atkinson

[12–56] [*Dover Militia Officers, 1731, 1732.*]

Capt Thos Millet
Capt John Waldron
Lt John Wonget
Ins^{n} Joseph Roberts } Novm^{r} 6th 1722

Capt Tristram Coffin
Cor^{t} John Gerrish
Quar^{t} master Saml Walton } Novm^{r} 6th 1732

Capt Thos Wallenford
Lt Love Roberts
Ins^{n} Jeremiah Rolens } Septm^{r} 27th 1731

Paul Gerrish Lt Col^{o}

May 17th 1731

[From Gen. Bedel's Papers] [*Soldiers' Order, 1775.*]

To the paymaster appointed or to be appointed for ye first Comp'y of Rangers in ye Colony of New Hampshire for ye payment of the Billeting money now Du or that shall be hereafter Du to either and each of us—

Pay the same to Israel Morey Esq or his Order for value Recei^{d} July 27th 1775.

16/5 Joseph fifield,
Silvanus Owen,
12/ Benjamin martin,
15/3 Joseph Hadley,
Elnathan Palmer,
36/3 John Lovern,
Uriah Stone,
Amos Rich
38/1 Thomas Caprin

[Ibid.] [*Piermont drafted Men, 1777.*]

October 3d 1777

Pursuant to orders of the 2d Instant I have made a Draft of men Viz. France Stevens (Come forward) Moses Stevens Sence Lame David Tyller Jur Paul Ford Andrew McCalister Isaac Gragg

John Weed Levt

To Col Israel Morey of Orford

Piermont 5th October, 1777.

N B. The above said David Tyller Jur—Paul Ford—Andrew McCalister & Isaac Gragg Refuse to Go according to orders Wherefore I beg they may be Delt with as ye Law Dericts—

Col Morey John Weed Levt

LLOYD'S HILLS.

Holland's map of New Hampshire gives a place for a township designated as Lloyd's Hills, which occupied a considerable portion of the territory now in Bethlehem. The charter records, in the office of the secretary of state, contain nothing relative to the township of Lloyd's Hills, except a reference to it as a boundary of the town of Whitefield, which was granted in 1774.

Two documents have recently become accessible to the public, which throw some light upon the matter, for copies of which the editor is indebted to A. S. Batchellor, Esq., of Littleton.

First, is the manuscript lecture on the early history of Littleton and vicinity, by the late Dr. Adams Moore, in which are the following passages relating to the subject: "It appears by the charter of Whitefield that that town was bounded on the south-west by a town named Lloyd's Hills. Some person interested in land matters, and finding no record of it in the office of the secretary of state, wrote to Governor Wentworth, who, it appears, lived at a place in England called Hammersmith. I have seen his answer, which, from sinister motives, was kept rather private, as it was the key to some land disputes, and if seen would operate against the parties holding it. It contained a correct plan of the town of Lloyd's Hills, now Bethlehem. The Ammonoosuc river [was] laid down with great accuracy, the line between that

town and this [Littleton] distinctly placed as crossing a certain bend in the river, near the Alder Brook Mills, where the proprietors of this town have supposed it to be, but from which they have been crowded back this way about fifty rods. The survey purported to have been made in 1774, by Dudley Coleman, who had surveyed this town [then Apthorp] four years before. The governor must have taken from this country a book of plans of all these townships, furnished him by the deputy surveyors of his time,* which would unravel the snarls of many a lawsuit past, and perhaps to come."

Second, the following matter relative to Lloyd's Hills was copied by Philip C. Wilkins, of Littleton, at Portsmouth, Aug. 8. 1850, from a paper purporting to be the original in the handwriting of Gov. John Wentworth. It was in the possession of counsel in a case then pending at Portsmouth relating to lands in Bethlehem. One of the counsel in this case was the late John Goodall, Esq., of Bath, whose professional papers were sold to paper-makers during the late war, and it is not improbable that the original of Gov. Wentworth's communication concerning Lloyd's Hills was among them, as no one appears to have known of its existence in recent years. Mr. Wilkins's record of surveys contains his memoranda and copy, which is substantially as follows:

"Province of New Hampshire

Portsmouth 3^{d} January, 1774.

This certifies that this plan, beginning at a Beech Tree, standing in the northeasterly line of Gunthwaite, which is the southwesterly corner of Apthorp; [thence runing south fifty-seven and one half degrees east, two miles and fifty-six rods, to a spruce Tree, which is the northeasterly corner of Gunthwaite;] thence south fifty-eight degrees east, three miles and two hundred sixty-four rods, to a Birch Tree; thence north fifty-six degrees east, five miles and one hundred and sixty-two rods, to Bretton Woods, so called; thence by said Bretton Woods, north one mile and twenty five rods, to a stake; thence north fifty-eight degrees west, five miles and ten rods, to a Fir Tree; thence south fifty-six degrees west, six miles and one half, to the bound began at, containing twenty-two thousand seven hundred and sixty acres, is known by an original plan or

*The deputy surveyors made their returns to Isaac Rindge, surveyor general, who probably kept them, although it is possible they might have been in possession of the governor.—Ed.]

survey of said tract or township as returned to me by Dudley Coleman Dep[t] Surveyor.

Attest Is: Rindge S. G."

"It is hereby certified that the within described land in the Province of New Hampshire was surveyed to Joseph Loring and others by authority of Government, parte by His Majesty's mandamus and parte on conditions of settlement and cultivation; and that the grant of said lands was called in council according to the usual forms; also, that an order was issued to the secretary of the said Province, for engrossing the patent, but I cannot recollect whether the patent was perfected, although the said tract of land was actually granted, and I do remember that about twenty thousand acres was property of Mr. Loring and that the township was called or named Lloyd's Hills.

Hammersmith 15 June 1783. J. Wentworth."

Note: The bound given in brackets, in the surveyor general's certificate, is inserted as it appears on the plan. The omission probably first occurred in one of the unofficial transcriptions of the return as made by Mr. Coleman.

The original plans of surveys, made by the deputy surveyors, are possibly still in existence; and if so probably in England; they would make a valuable addition to our ancient state records, and some means ought to be employed to obtain them if possible.

[The following documents relative to the "Vermont controversy," which were found by the editor among the miscellaneous papers in the secretary's office, are believed not to have been heretofore published. The originals have been inserted in the manuscript volume, in the office of the secretary of state, entitled "State Papers, Vermont Controversy."—Ed.]

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Lebanon Feb'y 13th 1777.

The Committees for treating with the Assembly's Committee,* after having waited on, and held a free Conference with them, were called on to meet by themselves—and they met accordingly—at which time were present—

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*A committee appointed by the general assembly of this state, Jan. 3, 1777, consisting of Meshech Weare, Benjamin Giles, and John Wentworth, Jr., who were to visit Grafton county and endeavor to effect an amicable settlement of the existing differences of opinion. See Vol. VII, p. 450.—Ed.

Mr Jacob Sheafe—Morristown

Capt Nathl Hovey—Landaff

Colo Timo Bedel, Mr Elisha Cleveland } Bath

Major James Bayley, Capt Ephraim Wesson, Mr James Abbot— } Haverhill

Major John Pattinson, Capt Jona Chandler } Piermont

Colo Thos Gilbert, Dn Joseph Skinner, Capt John Sloan, Mr Walter Fairfield } Lime

Capt David Woodward, Capt Aaron Storrs, Lieut Jona Freeman, Beza Woodward Esqr } Hanover

Dn Nehh Estabrook, John Wheatley Esqr, Major John Griswold } Lebanon

Major Francis Smith, Mr Amos Stafford, Lieut Thos Gallop } Plainfield

Capt John Lassell——Relhan

Lieut Saml Jones, Ensign Thos Baldwin } Canaan

Colo Elisha Paine, Capt Bela Turner } Cardigan

1. Chose Colo Timothy Bedel Chairman
2. Chose Bezaleel Woodward Esqr Clerk
3. These Committees taking into consideration the Conference this day held with the Assembly's Committee, unanimously agree to make the following Report to the united committees whose meeting is to be held here tomorrow Viz That we have held a free Conference with said Assembly's committee particularly respecting the plan of Representation which has been pursued in this state; and that no one of us is as yet in any degree convinced of the Justice or Equity of said plan; but that our Apprehensions of there being just Grounds for our uneasiness in that respect are still as great as they have ever heretofore been—

4. Voted that the Assembly's committee be served with a copy of the foregoing proceedings of these committees.

5. Voted that Major John Griswold be desired to wait on them with said Copy—

A true Copy from the Minutes

Attest, Beza Woodward Clerk

[Page 68] [*Proceedings of a Committee Meeting at Hanover, June 11, 1777.*]

At a meeting of the Convention of united Committees from a number of Towns in the New Hampshire Grants (so called) East of Connecticut River, held agreeable to adjournment at the house of Capt Aaron Storrs in Hanover on Wednesday June 11th 1777.

Voted to present the following Address to the Assembly at Exeter Viz^{t}

To the honorable Council and Assembly convened and sitting at Exeter in the State of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen—The Convention of Committees from a number of Towns in the New Hampshire Grants (so called) East of Connecticut River beg leave to observe that in the month of May 1775 we were invited with other Towns in the Colony of New Hampshire to unite in Provincial Congress by Representatives for the purpose of taking such measures as the alarming situation of public affairs then rendered necessary for the security of the most invaluable privileges granted by the God of nature to the human Race, which Congress was proposed to continue for the space of six months only; that said Congress near the close of their sessions (without any particular authority vested in them for that purpose by their constituents) did undertake to adopt a Plan of Representation whereby we apprehend they abridged the liberties of the people in that essential Article by depriving a great number of Towns of the privilege of future Representation and assuming the right of regulating that article wholly to themselves; which regulation a considerable number of Towns in the abovementioned Grants not only refused their Assent to, but early remonstrated against to the next Congress, but without any effect—Since which time (vizt in the month of July last past) we in some measure stated our reasons for non-compliance in a printed Address to the Inhabitants of said State; notwithstanding which the same oppressive mode of Representation still continues as appears by the Writs for election issued last winter.

We have likewise had opportunity to confer with a Committee from your Body, which has also proved ineffectual, as they were not empowered to enter into articles of Stipulation or make any proposals whereby the aforesaid difficulties might be removed—And in order to the removal of them we beg leave to observe, that the only legal Bonds whereby the said Grants were ever connected with the former Government of New Hampshire was by the Commissions granted to the late Governor Wentworths empowering them to exercise Jurisdiction over said Grants *with* the former part of said Province which Commissions and the extent of their Jurisdiction were held at the pleasure of the Crown to enlarge or diminish as the King should see fit; which Commissions being now extinct, the people living on said Grants are become unconnected with the former Government of New Hampshire or any other incorporated State as to any Compact of theirs or any Grant or Charter whatever and are so far reverted to a State of nature.

Yet notwithstanding as we have heretofore been connected as aforesaid we are authorized by our Constituents to assure you we are not only willing but desirous to be again united together in one incorporate body of distinct State if it can be mutually agreed upon consistent with our just rights and privileges. We would therefore beg leave to propose the essential preliminaries on which we are willing to unite, Viz^{t}.

1. That the Inhabitants of every Town within said State (including said Grants) have liberty if they see cause to elect at least one person to represent them in the General Assembly of said State—but that every Town where there are less than one hundred Families have liberty of coupling themselves with so many adjoining Towns as shall agree thereto for the purpose of sending one Representative only—and that each Town (or Towns united as aforesaid) pay their own Representative for his service in attending said Assembly—travelling fees to be paid out of the general Treasury—

2. That the Seat of Government be fixed as near the Centre of the State as conveniently may be—

3. That the further establishing a permanent Plan of Government in the State be submitted to an Assembly that shall be convened as aforesaid for that purpose only. And as we look upon ourselves free from Connection with any incorporated State or particular Body, if we cannot agree to unite together on the principles above prescribed or those which are equivalent thereto, we must seek after Connection with some other State, or endeavor to obtain relief in some other way—

All which we desire you to take into your wise and candid Consideration, and give us such Answer to the above proposals as you shall think proper; that we may no longer remain in

the unhappy Circumstances that we have been and are now under.—

Voted that Major Childs Lieut Freeman & Capt Turner or either two of them be a Committee to wait on said Assembly with said Address, and that they endeavor in the fullest manner to enforce the justice and equity of the Articles therein suggested, and labour to the utmost of their power that such articles of stipulation be agreed to by said Assembly as shall correspond with those proposed in our said Address—

Per Order of said Convention

Neh^{h} Estabrook Chairman

At a meeting of the Convention of United Committee before mentioned held by adjournment at Mr Paine's [Elisha Payne's] in Hanover October 14th 1777—

Whereas this Convention at their Meeting in June last did appoint a Committee to wait on the Assembly at Exeter with an address from us, the performance of which has been obstructed by the tumults of the War—Therefore Voted That Col^{o} Paine, Major Childs, and Mr. Woodward or either of them be desired and empowered to wait on said Assembly with said Address in our name as soon as conveniently may be, and to act thereon agreeable to the directions given to our said former Committee.

Per Order of said Convention

Neh^{h} Estabrook Chairman

[The committee mentioned in the foregoing presented the said address to the legislature in November, 1777. The matter was taken up in committee of the whole on the 18th day of that month, and a sub-committee, consisting of Josiah Bartlett, John Langdon, Benjamin Giles, Ebenezer Thompson, and George King, was appointed to confer with Messrs. Payne and Woodward, draft an answer to their address, and report the next morning, which they did as follows :—Ed.]

[Page 70] [*Report of Committee.*]

State of New Hampshire

Novemb^{r} 19th 1777—

The Committee, appointed in Committee of both Houses, to confer with persons who presented an address from the Committees, met in Convention of several Towns in the County of Grafton, in this State, relative to the subject matter of said address, beg leave to report—That they have met said Gentlemen

Viz. Col° Paine & Mr Woodward and freely conversed with them concerning the several matters set forth in said address, and are of opinion that although they esteem the present form of Government, & Representation of the people as far from being perfect, Yet as the same was only proposed as Temporary and the exigencies of the war having been and still continuing such as to leave no opportunity for the People to enter upon forming a plan of Government and Representation with that attention and deliberation that Matters of so Great Consequence require; the present Modell will answer for the purposes of our Grand Concern Viz Carrying on the War, & in the mean time for the Regulation of the most essential concerns of our Internal Police without any great Injury to any part of the State—But are full in sentiment that as soon as the Circumstances of the war will admit, that a full, free and equal Representation of the people should convene and form a permanent system of Government & settle the mode of Representation—

All which is humbly submitted by

Jn° Langdon Chairman

[The foregoing was accepted.—Ed.]

[Page 202] [*Statement of Jonathan Chase and Abel Curtiss, relative to Gen. Sullivan's Position, 1781.*]

Col° Jonathan Chase and Mr Abel Curtis assert that they have frequently heard Col° Peter Olcott mention his being at Philadelphia in the month of September last on business relating to the New Hampshire Grants—That being in conversation with Genl Sullivan, Agent for the State of New Hampshire—he urged to the Genl that the previous question might be put—"whether a New state might be admitted on the Grants or not"—The Genl replied "He could have obtained that before, but would make no further Objections to it, if he (Col° Olcott) thought that best to be put"—which Col° Olcott urged—Col° Olcott said that afterwards he understood that the General did not appear against the question, but said nothing in favor of it—

Col° Olcott further added that after this he had opportunity with the General, when the Genl told him, he was sorry he conceded to his proposal—Col° Olcott asked why?—The Genl replied he tho't many of the people in his quarter were Yorkers—and further added, that he believed that they on the west side of the River ought to be a separate state—Col° Olcott has also mentioned that when at Philadelphia, he was informed, the Genl in private conversation observed, "that, tho' he was

instructed to lay claim to the whole of the Grants, he was so unhappy as to differ from his Instructions in Judgment"—Col° Chase & Mr Curtiss also mention that a report has much prevailed on the grants in their quarter, that a large Grant of Land has been issued by the Assembly of Vermont to Genl Sullivan. But they are rather inclined to think the report without foundation—

The subscribers affirm the foregoing relation, if not *verbatim*, to be the substance of matters related by Col° Olcott, as above—

Exeter 12th Jany 1781. Jon^th Chase
Abel Curtiss

N. B. It may be observed that Col° Olcott by no means meant any reflection on the worthy Gentleman, Genl Sullivan, but as he was very sanguine for a union of the whole of the Grants, he was very sorry to see that indifference in the Genl as he thought it, to bring about an object so much desired.

J. C.
A. C.

[Vol. X contains a large amount of matter relative to this controversy.—Ed.]

CENSUS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1790.

[The following is taken from a manuscript document in the office of the secretary of state, and is published because it is believed that the census of 1790 does not exist elsewhere in the state, in detail, and consequently will be of much value to town historians and citizens generally.—ED.]

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

TOWNS.	Males above 16.	Males under 16.	Females.	Other free persons.	Slaves.	Amount.
Allenstown	67	63	123	1	....	254
Atkinson	129	102	246	2	....	479
Bow	149	151	268	....	....	568
Brentwood	255	224	490	6	1	976
Candia	246	273	521	....	....	1,040
Canterbury	285	223	526	1	3	1,038
Chester	485	456	960	1	....	1,906
Chichester	137	118	236	....	....	491
Concord	505	408	823	7	4	1,747
Deerfield	452	358	806	1	2	1,619
East Kingston	90	87	179	2	....	358
Epping	318	254	654	2	5	1,233
Epsom	200	175	424	....	....	799
Exeter	437	343	858	81	2	1,722
Greenland	170	141	309	12	2	634
Hampstead	195	156	370	3	....	724
Hawke [1]	101	94	224	....	1	420
Hampton	238	174	436	4	1	853
Hampton Falls	150	96	291	3	1	541
Kensington	222	147	431	....	....	800

[1] Now Danville.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY—*continued.*

Kingstown	243	189	491	3	....	906
Londonderry	677	576	1,339	24	6	2,622
Loudon	272	287	518	5	2	1,084
Newington	132	109	285	2	14	542
Newmarket	284	235	610	7	1	1,137
New Castle	125	117	292	....	....	534
Newtown	126	132	271	....	1	530
Northfield	154	155	295	2	....	606
North Hampton	184	138	333	2	....	657
Northwood	188	181	374	....	1	744
Nottingham	275	249	529	4	11	1,068
Pelham	216	190	385	....	....	791
Pembroke	240	245	469	....	2	956
Pittsfield	214	221	449	4	....	888
Plaistow	135	129	257	....	....	521
Poplin [1]	137	103	251	1	1	493
Portsmouth	1,158	973	2,487	76	26	4,720
Raymond	177	181	361	8	....	727
Rye	226	189	439	8	3	865
Salem	287	294	626	9	2	1,218
Sandown	138	115	308	....	....	561
Seabrook	178	178	357	2	....	715
South Hampton	125	81	241	1	....	448
Stratham	229	158	486	8	1	882
Windham	156	173	328	1	5	663
Gosport	32	22	39	....	....	93
	11,139	9,663	21,976	293	98	43,169

[1] Fremont.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.

Barnstead	192	214	400	....	1	807
Barrington	605	646	1,217	2	....	2,470
Conway	149	146	279	....	....	574
Dover	549	419	1,004	18	8	1,998
Durham	336	272	634	2	3	1,247
Eaton	60	72	121	....	....	253
Effingham	42	43	68	....	1	154
Gilmanton	614	682	1,294	22	1	2,613
Lee	277	224	526	2	....	1,029
Madbury	167	126	295	4	....	592
Meredith	247	211	419	4	....	881
Middleton	151	162	304	....	...	617
Moultonbo^ro	133	148	283	....	1	565
New Durham Gore [1]	108	118	212	7	....	445

[1] Now Alton.

STRAFFORD COUNTY—*continued.*

New Durham	139	140	275	....	....	554
New Hampton	171	173	306	2	....	652
Ossipee	86	82	171	....	....	339
Rochester	730	740	1,386	....	1	2,857
Sanbornton	415	423	749	....	....	1,587
Sandwich	216	243	446	....	....	905
Somersworth	248	211	478	....	6	943
Tamworth	67	72	126	....	1	266
Tuftonbor°	29	20	60	....	....	109
Wakefield	158	193	295	....	....	646
Wolfbor°	110	120	217	....	...	447
Burton [1]	32	42	59	....	....	133
Stark's and Sterling's Locations	12	13	26	....	....	51
	6,043	5,955	11,650	63	23	23,734

[1] Now Albany.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Amherst	571	576	1,204	18	....	2,369
Andover	166	167	312	....	....	645
Antrim	138	146	244	....	....	528
Bedford	210	240	440	8	....	898
Boscawen	282	274	551	1	....	1,108
Bradford	56	60	101	....	....	217
Campbell's Gore [1]	28	35	57	....	....	120
Deering	213	254	459	2	....	928
Derryfield [2]	92	95	175	....	....	362
Dunbarton	209	244	444	28	....	917
Dunstable [3]	179	146	306	1	....	632
Duxbury [4]	39	45	85	....	....	169
Fishersfield [5]	68	105	158	....	....	331
Francestown	232	233	517	....	...	982
Greenf[d]						
Goffstown	324	303	614	34	....	1,275
Hancock	156	160	315	3	....	634
Henniker	269	325	525	8	....	1,127
Hillsbor°	193	211	393	1	....	798
Hollis	340	378	723	....	....	1,441
Hopkinton	445	417	852	1	....	1,715
Kearsarge Gore [6]	27	27	49	....	....	103
Lytchfield	97	83	160	17	....	357
Lyndbor°	313	349	618	....	....	1,280
Mason	215	242	462	3	....	922
Merrimack	209	207	393	10	....	819

[1] Windsor. [2] Manchester. [3] Nashua.
[4] Now in Milford. [5] Newbury. [6] Divided among several towns.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY—*continued.*

New Boston	313	303	576	10	....	1,202
New Ipswich	338	285	614	4	....	1,241
New London	69	90	152	....	....	311
Nottingham West [1]	267	246	544	7	....	1,064
Peterbor°	220	214	423	4	....	861
Raby [2]	86	89	160	3	....	338
Salisbury	345	385	640	2	....	1,372
Sharon	68	63	128	....	....	259
Society Land [3]	84	89	146	....	....	319
Sutton	132	122	266	....	....	520
Temple	177	196	368	6	....	747
Warner	220	195	448	....	....	863
Weare	491	500	931	2	....	1,924
Wilton	253	278	562	12	....	1,105
Derryfield Gore [4]	10	4	16	....	....	30
Lyndsborough Gore [5]	11	8	19	....	....	38
	8,155	8,389	16,150	177	0	32,871

[1] Hudson. [2] Brookline. [3] Divided among several towns.
[4] Now in Manchester. [5] Now in Temple.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.

Acworth	159	197	348	....	....	704
Alstead	268	285	558	....	....	1,111
Charlestown	307	254	530	1	1	1,093
Chesterfield	441	532	930	2	....	1,905
Claremont	348	391	692	2	2	1,435
Cornish	238	258	484	1	1	982
Croydon	121	151	262	3	....	537
Dublin	227	223	446	5	....	901
Fitzwilliam	255	278	505	....	....	1,038
Hindsdale	127	142	251	....	2	522
Gilsum	70	64	164	....	....	298
Goshen	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....
Jaffrey	285	336	603	11	....	1.235
Keene	316	318	671	5	2	1,314
Langdon	58	76	108	2	....	244
Lempster	110	95	207	3	....	415
Marlbor°	175	219	392	....	....	786
Marlow	73	80	160	....	....	313
New Grantham	90	88	153	1	1	333
Newport	187	198	390	4	1	780
Packersfield [1]	167	208	343	3	....	721
Plainfield	259	277	486	2	....	1,024
Protectworth [2]	56	49	104	....	1	210

[1] Nelson. [2] Springfield.

CHESHIRE COUNTY—*continued.*

Richmond	332	368	680	....	....	1,380
Rindge	276	306	554	7	....	1,143
Stoddard	162	194	344	....	1	701
Surry	117	111	220	....	....	448
Sullivan	48	68	103	1	....	220
Swanzey	293	287	571	6	....	1,157
Unity	133	139	265	1	....	538
Walpole	327	335	580	1	2	1,245
Washington	137	135	273	....	....	545
Wendell [1]	70	64	133	....	....	267
Westmoreland	472	543	998	4	1	2,018
Winchester	298	311	595	4	1	1,209
	7,004	7,580	14,103	69	16	28,772

[1] Sunapee.

GRAFTON COUNTY.

Alexandria	79	87	132	....	....	298
Bartlett	55	57	135	....	1	248
Bath	117	136	239	....	1	493
Bridgewater	84	62	134	....	1	281
Campton	113	79	202	....	1	395
Canaan	137	123	223	....	....	483
Chatham	17	13	28	....	....	58
Cockburne [1]	9	5	12	....	....	26
Cockermouth [2]	94	104	175	....	....	373
Colburne [3]	10	6	13	....	....	29
Coventry [4]	21	20	47	....	....	88
Dalton	3	4	7	....	....	14
Dartmouth [5]	34	25	52	....	....	111
Dorchester	48	45	82	....	....	175
Dummer	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....
Enfield	188	173	361	2	....	724
Errol	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....
Franconia	22	18	32	....	....	72
Grafton	99	110	194	....	....	403
Gunthwaite alias [6]	91	75	147	....	....	313
Hanover	476	298	596	8	2	1,380
Haverhill	163	118	266	1	4	552
Lancaster	45	45	71	....	....	161
Landaff	75	80	137	....	....	292
Lebanon	375	282	515	8	....	1,180
Lincoln	8	5	9	....	....	22
Littleton	28	26	42	....	....	96
Lyman	57	39	106	....	....	202

[1] Columbia. [2] Groton. [3] Colebrook.
[4] Benton. [5] Jefferson. [6] Lisbon.

GRAFTON COUNTY—*continued.*

Lyme	231	189	392	4	....	816
New Chester[1]	70	103	139	....	....	312
New Holderness[2]	96	73	160	....	....	329
Northumberland	34	27	56	....	....	117
Orange	32	37	61	....	1	131
Orford	140	125	272	....	3	540
Percy[3]	14	11	23	....	....	48
Piermont	103	113	206	1	3	426
Plymouth	182	142	297	....	4	625
Rumney	97	113	201	....	....	411
Shelburne	12	5	18	....	....	35
Stratford	44	38	64	....	....	146
Thornton	96	98	191	....	....	385
Warren	52	64	86	4	....	206
Wentworth	56	73	112	....	....	241
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Harts	3	4	5	....	....	12
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Starkes	8	5	16	....	....	29
Sterlings	3	2	4	....	....	9
Wales	1	3	2	....	....	6
Grafton	3,768	3,315	6,340	28	21	13,472
Cheshire	7,004	7,580	14,103	69	16	28,772
Hillsbor°	8,155	8,389	16,150	177	....	32,871
Strafford	6,043	5,955	11,650	63	23	23,734
Rockingh[m]	11,139	9,654	21,968	293	98	43,169
	36,109	34,893	70,211	630	158	142,018

[1] Hill. [2] Holderness. [3] Stark.

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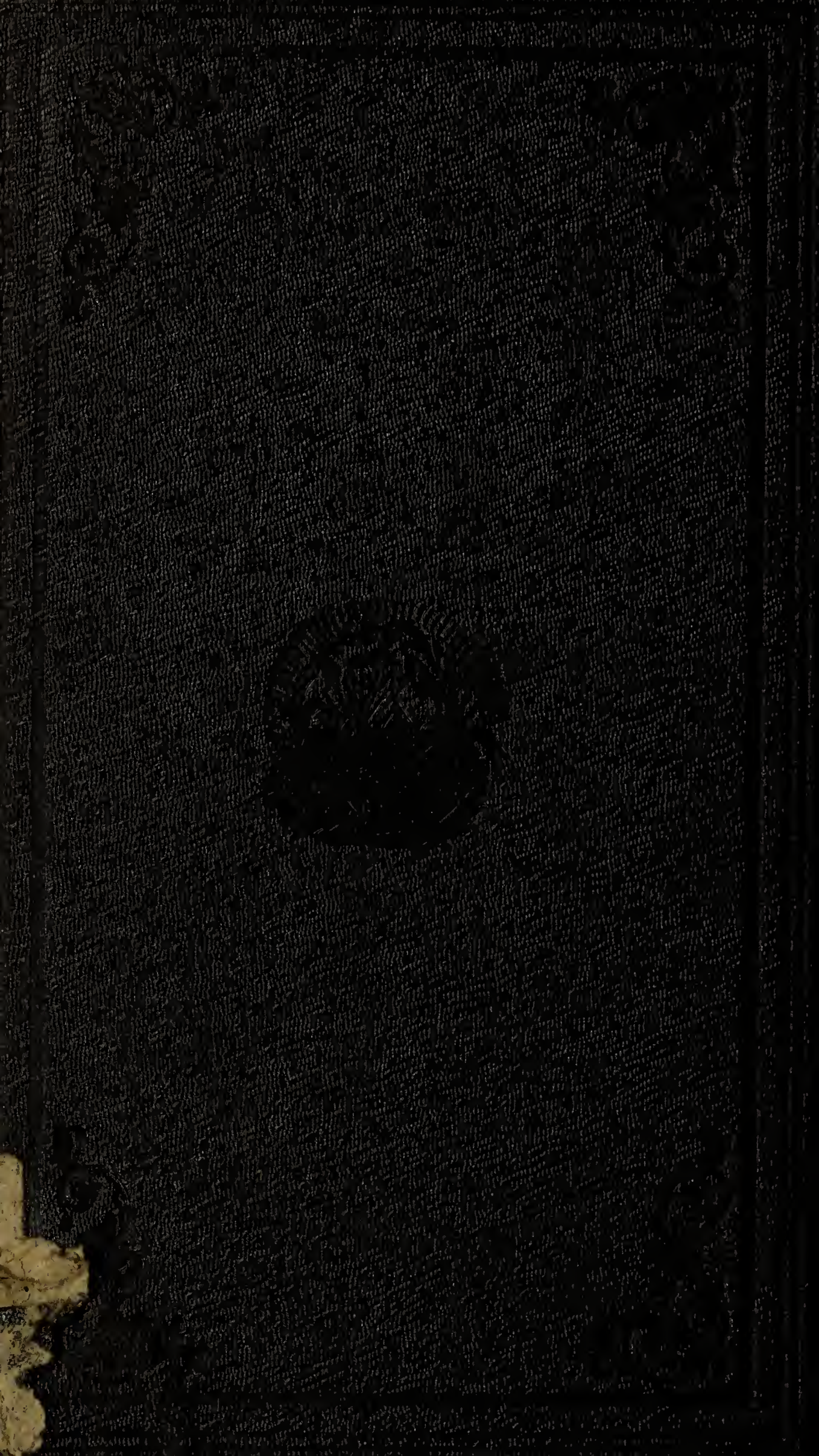
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